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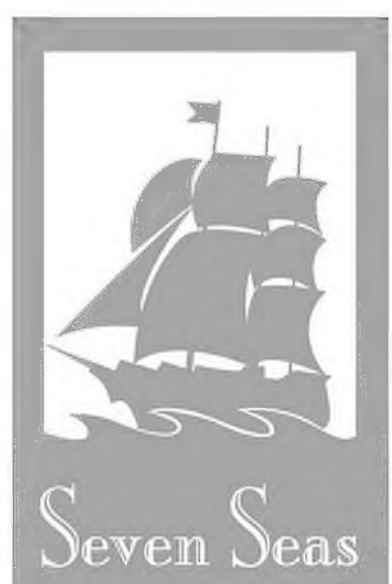

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

KASUMI

Tatsumi's little sister. Loves her big brother very much, and so resents Wakasa.

TATSUMI

The owner of the house. High school boy. He's good at cooking and household chores.

HUNCLE ISATORA

Tatsumi's uncle. He develops suspicious medicines and has Tatsumi test them out.

SOUSUKE

Tatsumi's friend. He has two older sisters.

MAKI

A snail that appears quietly at the bath. Super near-sighted and self-loathing.

WAKASA

The free-loading fish of Tatsumi's house. His age... don't ask.

MIKUNI

A Jellyfish that wanders into the bath. His body is 99% water. He loves Aquarius.

TAKASU

An octopus that sometimes appears in the bath. Seems to be long-time friends with Wakasa. He's good at massages.

AGARI

A shark that suddenly appears in the bath. It seems he is Wakasa's senpai.

GOROMARU

A starfish that appears in the house and often goes unnoticed. He is skilled at clinging.

CHAPTER 59
THEIR FIRST MEETING (PART 1)

"TATSUMI.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TAP
TAP
"MAMA IS GOING TO WORK HARD GIVING BIRTH TO YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
"SO THAT YOU CAN BECOME A WONDERFUL BIG BROTHER...
"WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF THINGS WITH GRANDPA WHILE I'M GONE?"
"WHY?"
"YOU'RE GOING TO BE STAYING WITH GRANDPA FOR A WHILE."
ALL RIGHT.
YOU'LL BE PLAYING WITH GRANDPA FOR A WHILE.
HEY, TATSUMI. I'M GLAD YOU CAME.
OKAY?
TOUSLE
TOUSLE
TOUSLE

"SORRY, TATSUMI.
"GRANDPA JUST GOT CALLED ON, SO WATCH THESE FISHING POLES.
"I'LL BE BACK SOON, SO WAIT THERE."
NOD
"SO MATURE!
STOP
"BEING A FUTURE BIG BROTHER HAS ALREADY CHANGED YOU!
"OH, AND PROMISE ME JUST ONE THING.
HUFF
HUFF
...
"DON'T GO INTO THE FOREST ALONE.

RUSTLE
"A HARPY LIVES DEEP WITHIN THAT FOREST."

"MAMA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?"
"YES."
TAP
GULP...

"TATSUMI! SON! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE SISTER!"
"YOU'LL BE A GREAT BIG BROTHER."
"YOU'RE SUCH A WONDERFUL BOY, TATSUMI. MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AFTER HER."
TAP
TAP
TAP
LITTLE SISTER. LITTLE SISTER.
SHE'S NOT EVEN HERE YET.
RUSTLE
THIS IS... A POND...?
OH. A BUTTER-FL--
SLIP
!!

SPLAAASH
BLURB
DAD... MOM...
GRANDPA...!
I CAN'T BREATHE ...!
IT'S DIRTY!! IT'S DARK!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS POND...?!
I CAN'T MOVE BECAUSE OF THE PLANTS...!

MIIIN
MIIIN
SAVE ME...
MIIIN
THERE WAS SOME-ONE...
IN THE WATER...
SPLASH
RISE
WHERE AM I?
ARE YOU AWAKE?
MIIIN

WHO ARE YOU...?
.....
A HARPY?
AND WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT MY HEAD, BOY?!
STARE——
SO RUDE!!
WH...
WHAT PART OF ME LOOKS LIKE A HARPY?!!

SO YOU'RE A MERMAN, WAKASA.
I SEE.
CHAPTER 60
THEIR FIRST MEETING (PART 2)
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE WINGS OUT OF IT SO I REALLY BECOME A HARPY? STOP, BOY!
PULL
HEY! WHY ARE YOU PULLING MY HAIR?
YEAH. IT'S A SECRET.
STING
STING
GOOD-NESS...
RUMBLE
SPLISH
RUMBLE
THIS IS WHY KIDS ARE SO SCARY...
EVEN THOUGH I SAVED YOU, YOU STILL TREAT ME LIKE THIS.
THAT'S RIGHT. I'M STILL A KID.
SPLOSH
I'M NOT A "BIG BROTHER" AT ALL.

HE'S GOING TO TELL ME TO WORK HARD.
OR TELL ME TO BE A GOOD BIG BROTHER, LIKE EVERY-ONE ELSE.
FWIP
A LITTLE SISTER.
HM?
ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE A SIB-LING?
HMPH.
HEH HEH.
I SEE. I SEE.
YOU'RE SULKING BECAUSE SHE'S TAKING YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER'S ATTENTION AWAY.
POFF
POFF
YOU ARE STILL QUITE A CHILD, BOY.
WHA ?!

SHE'S TAKING MY DAD AND MOM.
WHY...?
?
SOME PEOPLE WOULD ENVY THAT.
BUT YOUR FAMILY'S GETTING BIGGER...
SMACK
I'M NOT SULK-ING!!
I--!
SORRY.
MMPH!
I SEE. I SEE.
BUT...
THAT'S TRUE.
POINT
YOU'LL NO LONGER HAVE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER TO YOURSELF.
YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN CALL THE NEW BABY YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
YOU CAN HAVE A "LITTLE SISTER" ALL TO YOURSELF.
TONK
AND YOU WILL BECOME HER ONE AND ONLY "BIG BROTHER"!
SEE? NO ONE ELSE CAN SAY THAT, RIGHT?
SPARKLE
MY ONE AND ONLY... LITTLE SISTER.
HEY...

I SEE.
HEH HEH!
OH.
IS THAT YOUR "FAMILY" CALLING FOR YOU?
WHERE?
ANSWER ME!
HEY-
TATSUM!!
I HAVE QUITE A FEW FRIENDS, BUT NO FAMILY.
YES!! OF COURSE I DO!!
DO YOU ENVY ME?
DON'T TELL ANYONE YOU MET ME.
TATSUMI
HUH?
SEE YOU, BOY.
MIIIN
OH!
WAIT...!
Follow-ing day.
HEY, SEA-MAN.
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU TATSUMI
IT'S ALL YOUR GRANDPA'S FAULT
HEEEY!
MIIIN

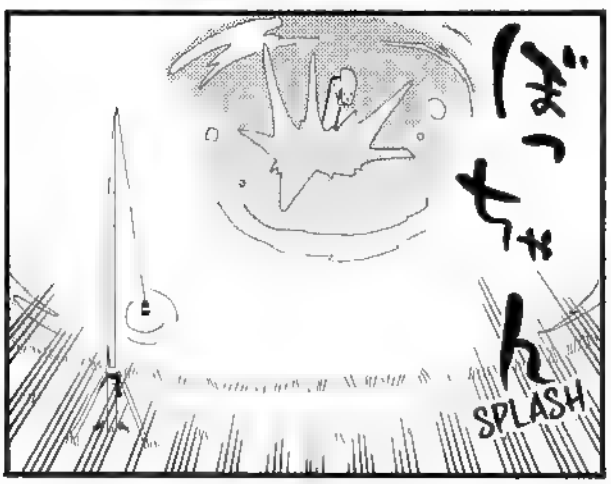
SILENCE...
MIIIN
HE ISN'T HERE?
MIIIN
.....
MIIIN
RUSTLE
FUFU.
MIIIN
NEITHER HARPIES NOR MERMEN REALLY LIKE VEGETA-BLES.
BUT THIS CUCUMBER WAS A GIFT.
SO, I'LL ACCEPT IT.
SPLOSH

"I'LL CATCH A BIG FISH BEFORE GRANDPA COMES BACK."
WAIT A SECOND. I FEEL LIKE I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING...
HM?
ズキッ
PANG
BOUNDS
BOUNDS

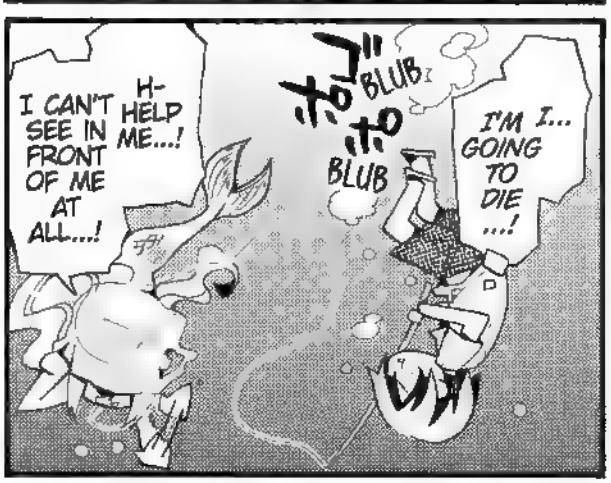
And ten years later, we met again...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?
THIS STORY'S GONE ON FOREVER
HOLD ON A SECOND.

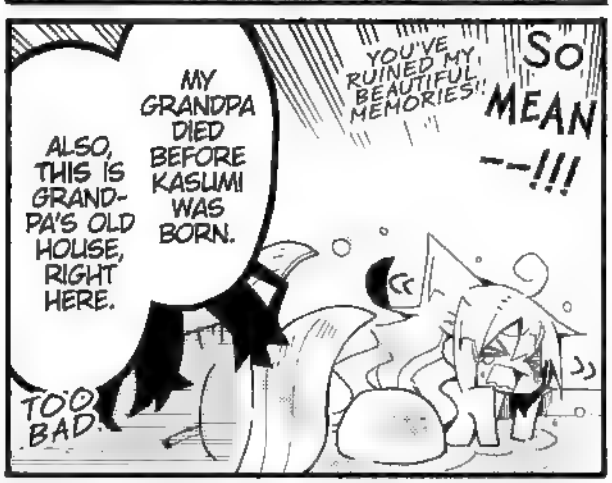
ぐいっ
YANK
HUH?!

SPLISH
ビチ
SPLISH
I MET YOU BEFORE AND STEERED YOU RIGHT AS A KID! REMEMBER?
"WHAT AM I GOING ON ABOUT?"
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...
ビチ
SPLISH

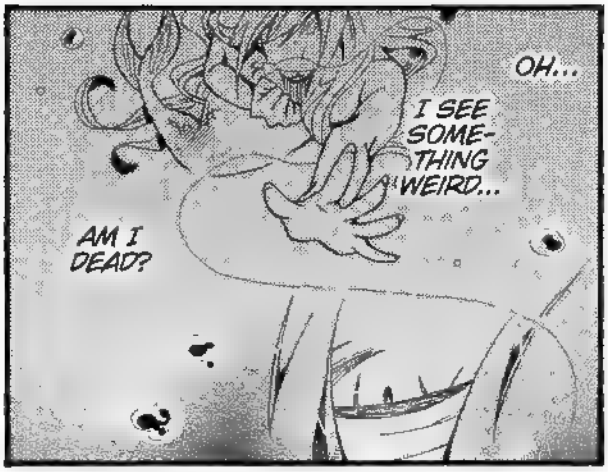

ぼっちゃん
SPLASH

SORRY, BUT I DON'T RECALL ANYTHING LIKE THAT HAPPENING.
THE BACKGROUND MUSIC SHOULD BE "THE WAY WE WERE" BY BARBRA STREISAND!
SPLISH★

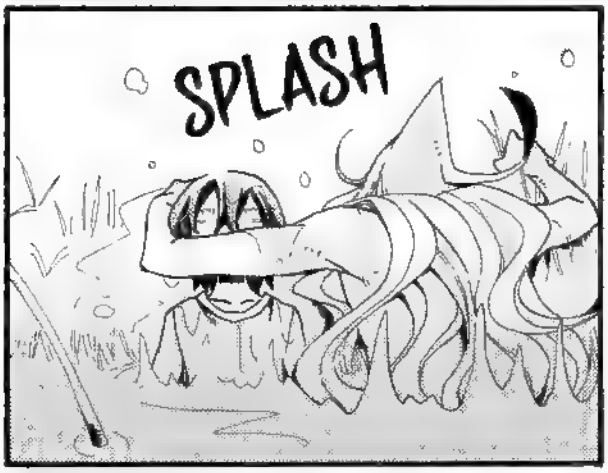

I CAN'T SEE IN FRONT OF ME AT ALL...!
H-HELP ME...!
ボゴッ
BLUB
ボゴッ
BLUB
I'M GOING TO DIE...!
I...

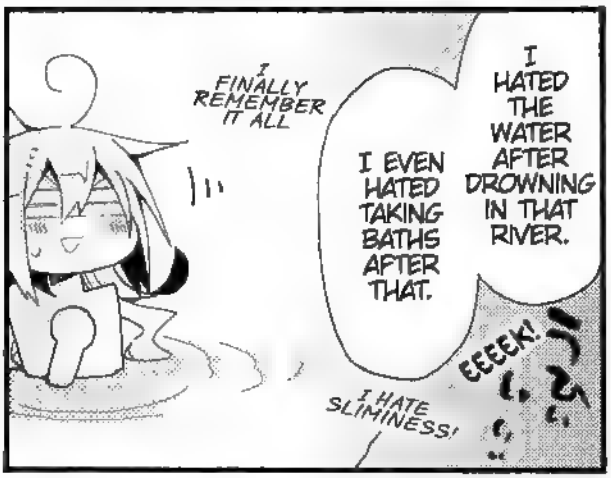

ALSO, THIS IS GRANDPA'S OLD HOUSE, RIGHT HERE.
MY GRANDPA DIED BEFORE KASUMI WAS BORN.
TOO BAD.
"YOU'VE RUINED MY BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES!"
SO MEAN--!!!

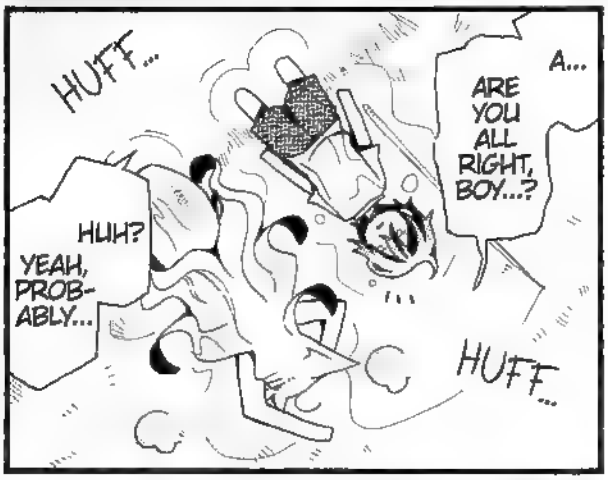
DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW...!!
FWUP
L...
LISTEN, BOY!!
THAT YOU GOT CAUGHT BY A FISHING BOY?


OH...
I SEE SOMETHING WEIRD...
AM I DEAD?

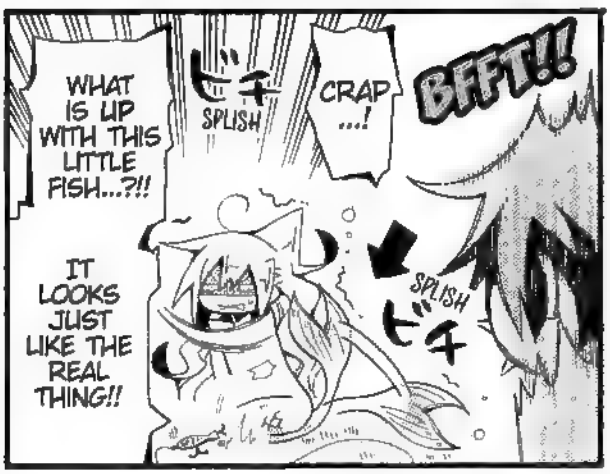
IF... IF YOU TELL ANYONE --!
YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU, RIGHT?!
SHUDDER
SLIMY


SPLASH


I FINALLY REMEMBER IT ALL
I HATED THE WATER AFTER DROWNING IN THAT RIVER.
I EVEN HATED TAKING BATHS AFTER THAT.
EEEK!
I HATE SLIMINESS!


HUFF..
A... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BOY...?
HUH? YEAH, PROBABLY...
HUFF..

DING DONG
AH HA HA!~
Y...
WELL, ISN'T THIS A TOUCHING REUNION, WAKASA?
YAA-AAY~!


WHAT IS UP WITH THIS LITTLE FISH...?!!
SPLISH
CRAP ...!
BFFT!!
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!!
SPLISH

I KNOW ABOUT THAT.
HUH? OH, YOU MEAN THAT TIME YOU ALMOST DROWNED, BIG BROTHER?

I HAVE TO WATCH OVER YOU PROPERLY!
YOU ARE MY ONE AND ONLY BIG BROTHER, AFTER ALL!! ♡
THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED!!
I LOVE BIG BROTHER
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
WHY ...?
MOM TOLD ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED!

It was a bit of a shock.
Even so, the fact that Tatsumi and Wakasa met as kids...
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO HIM ANY HARM!!
NO
!! SPLISH ドチ
SPLISH ドチ
NO CARE FOR YOU!!
PUTTING THAT ASIDE!
YOU WERE THE REASON BROTHER DROWNED ?!

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HERE, WAKASA.
DRIP
DRIP

JULY 7TH.
HE'LL DEFI-NITELY BRING IT UP.

WHY ARE YOU UPSET?
SPLISH...

BAM!
OUR NEIGH-BOR GAVE ME SOME BAMBOO!
OH, HIKO-BOSHI~!
RUSTLE

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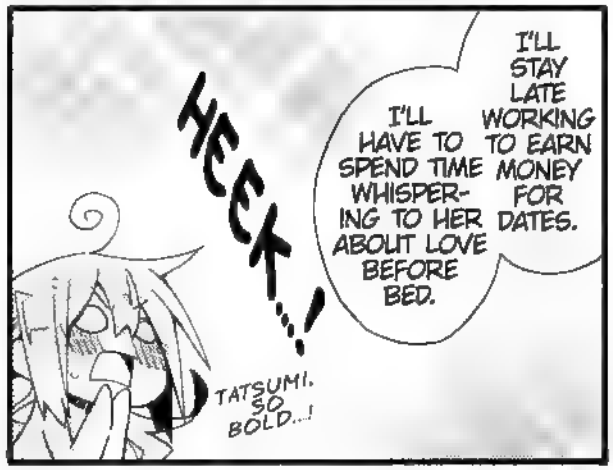
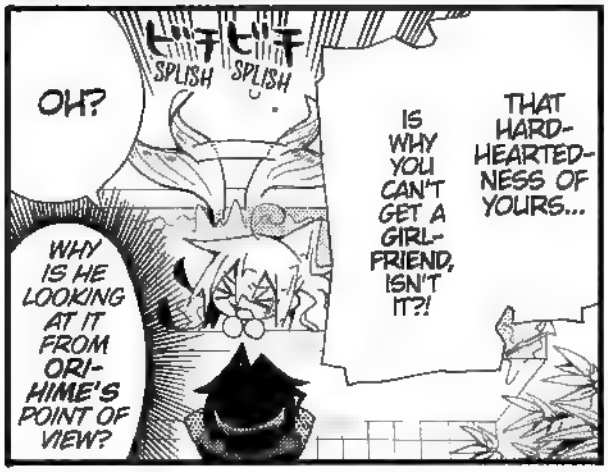
CHAPTER 61
OUR STAR FESTIVAL

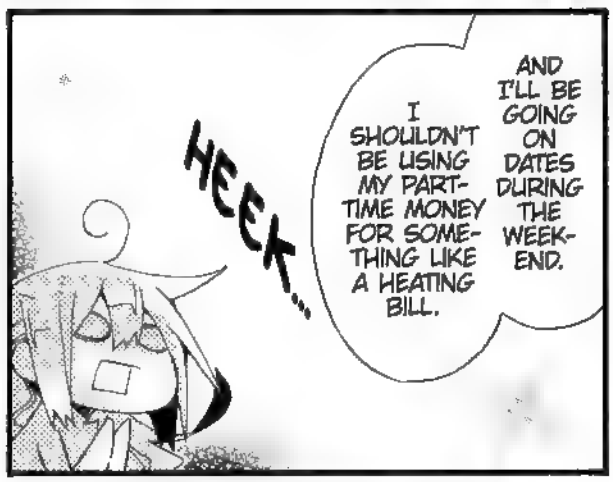
HIKOBOSHI AND ORIHIME ARE LOVERS...!
TURNED TO STARS SO THAT THEY CAN ONLY MEET FOR ONE DAY A YEAR...?!
HIKOBOSHI IS A STAR. WHY CRY ABOUT IT?
YOU CERTAINLY STOLE MY THUNDER.
B...
BUT...!
WAKASA...
SO SAD...
I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW THEY MUST FEEL THE REST OF THE TIME...!
ORIHIME AND HIKOBOSHI SPENT TOO MUCH TIME TOGETHER AFTER GETTING MARRIED AND FAILED IN THEIR WORK. A GOD GOT ANGRY AT THEM AND SEPARATED THEM.
WORK.
LOVEY DOVEY
THEY WERE A STUPID COUPLE WHO ENJOYED THEMSELVES TOO MUCH
THEY REAP WHAT THEY SOW.

HUH?
IF I GET A GIRLFRIEND, I'LL GET BUSY.

SPLASH
TAT-SUMI, YOU'RE TERRI-BLE!!
HOW UNRO-MANTIC ...!!

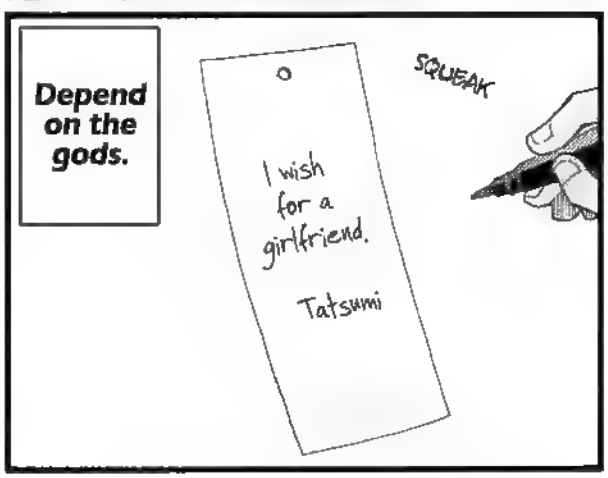

HEEK..!
TATSUMI, SO BOLD..!
I'LL HAVE TO SPEND TIME WHISPER-ING TO HER ABOUT LOVE BEFORE BED.
I'LL STAY LATE WORKING TO EARN MONEY FOR DATES.


OH?
SPLISH
SPLISH
WHY IS HE LOOKING AT IT FROM ORI-HIME'S POINT OF VIEW?
IS WHY YOU CAN'T GET A GIRL-FRIEND, ISN'T IT?!
THAT HARD-HEARTED-NESS OF YOURS...


HEEK...
I SHOULDN'T BE USING MY PART-TIME MONEY FOR SOME-THING LIKE A HEATING BILL.
AND I'LL BE GOING ON DATES DURING THE WEEK-END.

SHP
I'LL MAKE IT A GOAL.
HUH?
WELL, THEN...

SNAAAATCH!!
GOOD-BYE, ROMANCE !!
IT'LL BE HARD TO JUGGLE ALL THAT WITH CARING FOR A MERMAN TIME.


Depend on the gods.
I wish for a girlfriend.
Tatsumi
SQUEAK

JUST ONE
YOU WRITE YOUR WISH ON THIS SLIP OF PAPER AND HANG IT ON THE BRANCHES.
OOOH, WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?!
YOU FINALLY NOTICED.
IT'S A STALK OF BAMBOO, TRADITIONAL FOR JULY.
WHEN DID WE GET BAMBOO?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
HUH?!
KRRRATTLE
ANY WISH WILL COME TRUE~?!
THAT IS AMAZING, BROTHER--!!
Enough for everyone. →
FLAP
THE GODS DECIDE WHETHER TO GRANT YOUR WISH OR NOT.
WHOA! YOU'RE PREPARED, TATSUMI!!

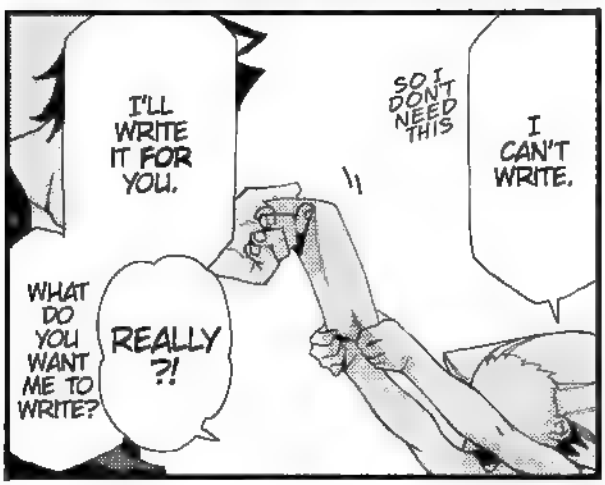
I THINK WISHES ABOUT LOVE ...
WILL PROBABLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
MM-GH!
SERIOUS
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU HAVE TO SHOOT FOR SOMETHING SIMPLER!
IT'S A SIMPLE SHOOT, AFTER ALL.

SNAAAP
WHAT SHOULD I WRITE~?!
WHAT SHOULD I WRITE? I DON'T KNOW...
HERE'S SOME PENCIL LEAD, MAKI-SAN
BE CAREFUL TO KEEP THE PAPER DRY.

TEE HEE.

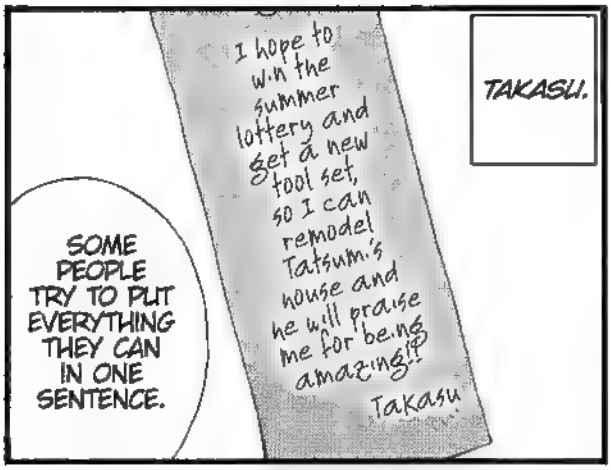
TAP
TAP
BROTHER.
HM?
WHAT IS IT?

IN THAT CASE, I WANT TO GROW TALLER.

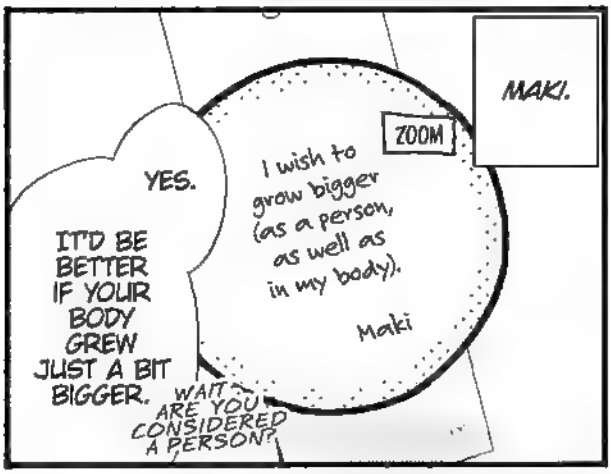

I'LL WRITE IT FOR YOU.
SO I DON'T NEED THIS
I CAN'T WRITE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO WRITE?
REALLY ?!

I wish to grow taller.
-Goromaru/ Tatsumi

SUCH AN AMBITIOUS GUY.
I WANT TO BECOME A GOOD HUSBAND FOR KASUMI-DONO!!


TAKASU.
I hope to w.n the summer lottery and get a new tool set, so I can remodel Tatsum.'s house and he will praise me for be.ng amazing!?
Takasu
SOME PEOPLE TRY TO PUT EVERYTHING THEY CAN IN ONE SENTENCE.

WOW, THOSE TWO ARE TAKING IT SERIOUSLY.
はん!!
CLAP
CLAP


MAKI.
ZOOM
I wish to grow bigger (as a person, as well as in my body).
Maki
YES.
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOUR BODY GREW JUST A BIT BIGGER.
WAIT... ARE YOU CONSIDERED A PERSON?

HEY.
WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?
WAIT, JUST A BIT MORE.

MIKUNI.
I wish to grow another 10 cm taller.
Mikuni
IF YOU LIVE LONG, ARE THESE THE THINGS YOU END UP WANTING?

GLEAM

AGARI.
I WISH TO TALK THIS YEAR.
AGARI
HUH? THAT'S SUR-PRISING.

EVEN MIKUNI-SAN IS BEARING DOWN.
THIS GOT PRETTY INTENSE.

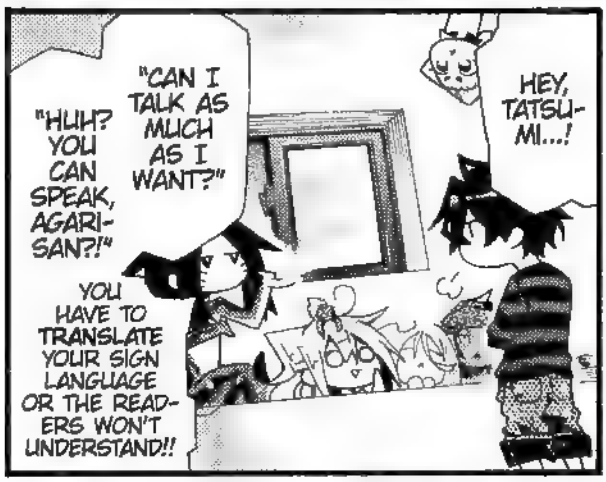
BUT...
YOU HAVE SUCH A COOL VOICE!
THAT ISN'T FAIR!!
GULP...

SNAAAP

WE HEARD SOMETHING RARER THAN THE TWO STAR LOVERS MEETING.
I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE MENTIONED THIS BEFORE
SO THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK.
BUT, I SEE.
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

SNAAAP

AH!
STILL NOT DONE, RIGHT?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, WAKASA?
HUH?
LIFT


HEY, TATSUMI...!
"CAN I TALK AS MUCH AS I WANT?"
"HUH? YOU CAN SPEAK, AGARI-SAN?!"
YOU HAVE TO TRANSLATE YOUR SIGN LANGUAGE OR THE READERS WON'T UNDERSTAND!!

THAT WAS JUST DOODLING ...!
AH. I SEE.
MY WISH IS ON THE OTHER SIDE ...!!
HAMBURGER
REALLY?

GA-POK
EEK!
WHEN I SPEAK, IT SCARES PEOPLE.

I wish we all stay together forever.
Wakasa

CHATTER
HEY! DON'T COPY ME!!
THAT'S AWESOME! I WANT TO WISH THAT, TOO~!
HOW WON-DER-FUL!!
CHATTER
STING
WAKA-SA, SO SWEET ...!!
SNAAAP
WAKASA'S GOOD-HEARTED-NESS IS AMAZING!!
IT... IT HURTS, MIKUNI ...!!

I HAVE ALL SORTS OF WISHES, BUT...
Heh heh.
BUT THIS IS THE ONE I WISH FOR THE MOST RIGHT NOW.

Wakasa
Agari
Goromaru
Together forever.
Tatsumi
Takasu
Mikumi
Mai

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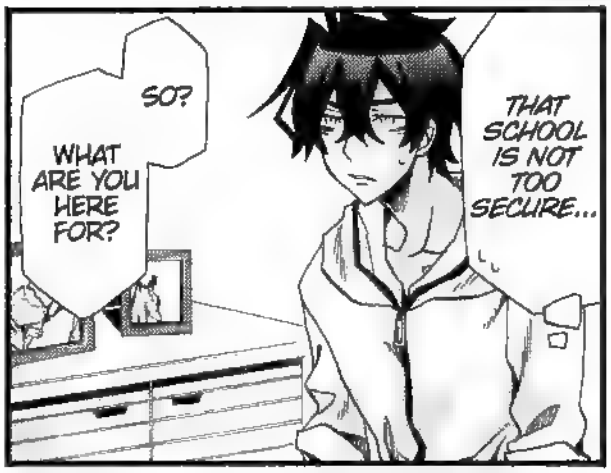
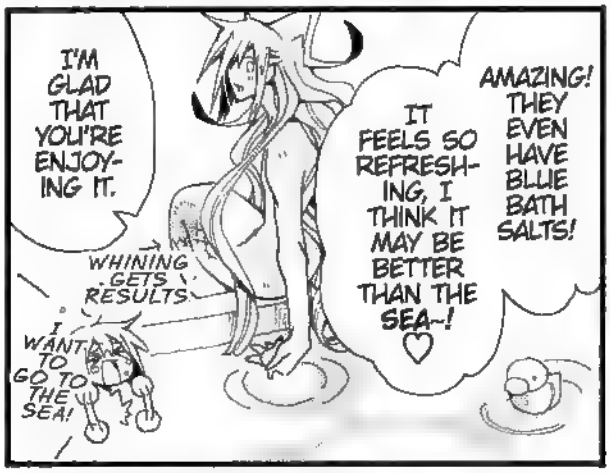
CHAPTER 62

AUGUST 31

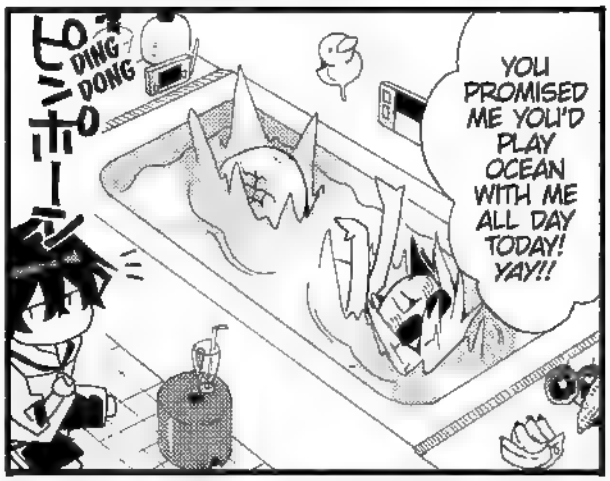
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...?
DID I EVER TELL YOU WHERE I LIVE ...?
I ASKED THE TEACHER.

ARE YOU HAVING FUN?
SLURP
YEAH!!
NOD NOD


SO?
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
THAT SCHOOL IS NOT TOO SECURE...

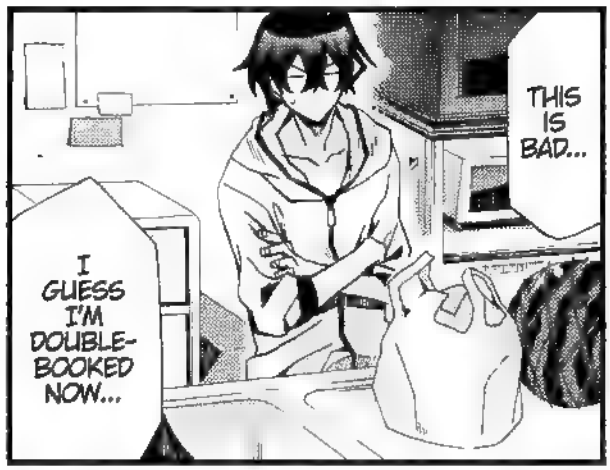

I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE ENJOYING IT.
IT FEELS SO REFRESHING, I THINK IT MAY BE BETTER THAN THE SEA~!
AMAZING! THEY EVEN HAVE BLUE BATH SALTS!
WHINING GETS RESULTS
I WANT TO GO TO THE SEA!

CRAMMED
HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK.


DING DONG
ピンポーン
YOU PROMISED ME YOU'D PLAY OCEAN WITH ME ALL DAY TODAY! YAY!!

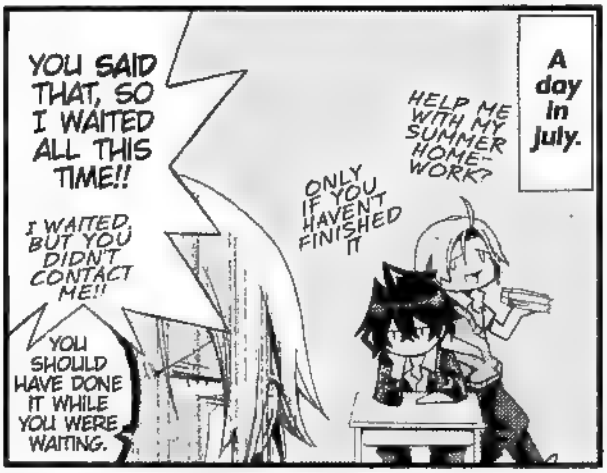
NO.
WAIT!
GRRRRR
キ!!キ!!キ!!

HEY!
GA-CHAK
ガチャ
HEEK!


THIS IS BAD...
I GUESS I'M DOUBLE-BOOKED NOW...

NGH NGH
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU REFUSE ...
YOU FOR-GOT OUR PROMISE, TATSUMI!!
HUH?
PROM-ISE?
NGH
NGH
NGH

BUT, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
GRIP


A day in July.
HELP ME WITH MY SUMMER HOME-WORK?
ONLY IF YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED IT
YOU SAID THAT, SO I WAITED ALL THIS TIME!!
I WAITED BUT YOU DIDN'T CONTACT ME!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE IT WHILE YOU WERE WAITING.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT!!
YO... HEY... TATSUMI.

RUSTLE
MEAT
CANDY BARS
PLEASE, TATSUMI!! I WON'T ASK YOU TO DO IT FOR FREE!!

RUUUMBLE
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY SO FIRED UP?

GASP!
IT'S NICE AND COOL.

Bath.
WHEN YOU THINK OF THE SEA, YOU THINK OF BEACH VOLLEY-BALL!!
KYAA!
KYAA!
BOUNCE
BARBE-CUE...!!
FRESHLY MADE
WOWWW!
GO GIRLS. HIT UP
AND...
WAIT...
TATSUMI, YOU GOT IT WR...!
OW, OW, OW...!
SPLISH
SPLISH
Ship wrecked!

Bath.
TATSUMI!
HUFF
WHY DON'T WE SEE WHO CAN STAY UNDER-WATER LONGEST?!
HUFF

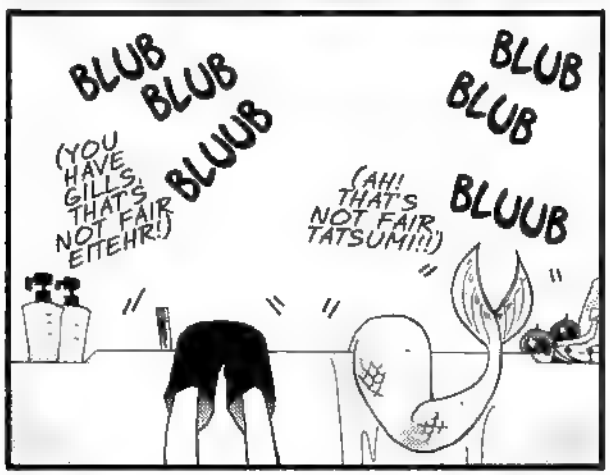
Tatsumi's Room.
HEY.
WHY DO YOU THINK THEY CALL IT SUMMER "BREAK," BUT GIVE US WORK TO DO?

I DEFINITELY WIN IN THE LUNG CAPACITY CATEGORY !!
I'D LOVE TO BEAT HIM IN JUST ONE THING!!

I DON'T FEEL RESTED AT ALL!
IF YOU CAN TALK, YOU CAN STUDY, SO DO THAT INSTEAD.

SHCCK
LET'S DO THIS.
ALL RIGHT.
SHCCK

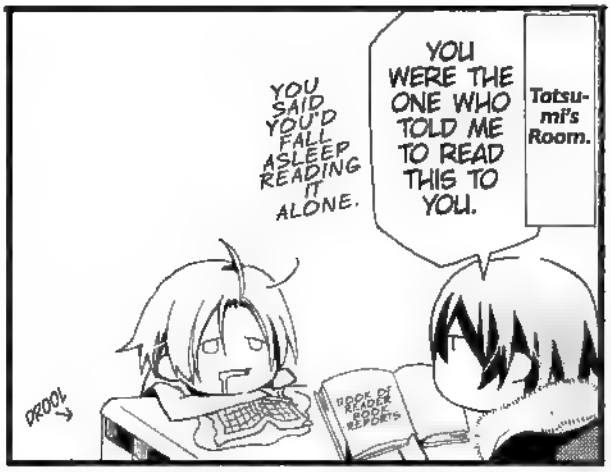
WRITE
WRITE
WRITE
HUFF
HUFF
HMM.


BLUB BLUB BLUUB
(YOU HAVE GILLS, THAT'S NOT FAIR EITEHR!)
BLUB BLUB BLUUB
(AH! THAT'S NOT FAIR TATSUMI!!)

NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU HOT?
WHY ARE YOU SO OUT OF BREATH ?

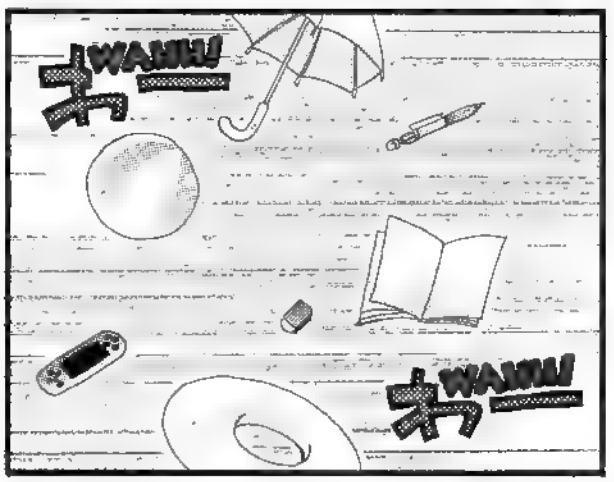
ガチャ
FOOGH FOOGH!
(SORRY I'M LATE!)
Tatsumi's Room.
JEEZ!
TATSUMI TAKES SO LONG GOING TO THE BATHROOM.
WE'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO FINISHED.
TAP TAP TAP
YOU TAKE FOREVER, TATSUMI!
I'M DOING ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF.
SORRY, I WORE THE WRONG CLOTHES.
SLAM

Tatsumi's Room.
HEEEK!!
IT NEVER ENDS..


Tatsumi's Room.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO READ THIS TO YOU.
YOU SAID YOU'D FALL ASLEEP READING IT ALONE.
DROOL
BOOK OF READER BOOK REPORTS

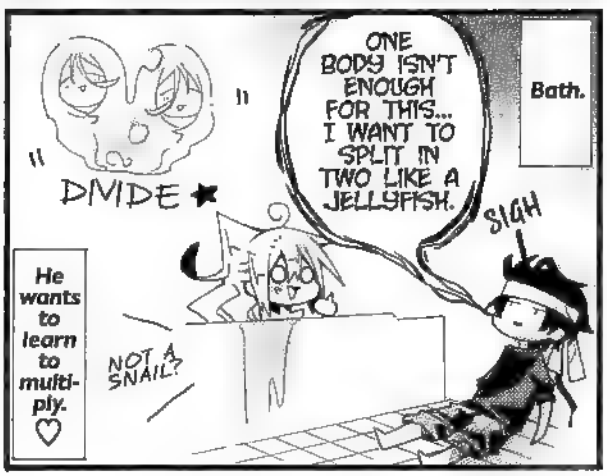
Bath.
SECOND MATCH!!
HIYAA!!

Bath.
HAWWW
YOU DON'T NEED SCUBA GEAR
kSSSH
WHAT IS THIS! SO INTERESTING!!
DARTH VADER!


WAHH!
WAHH!

Tatsumi's Room.
EXTRA HOMEWORK... YOU SAY...?
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING EARLIER?

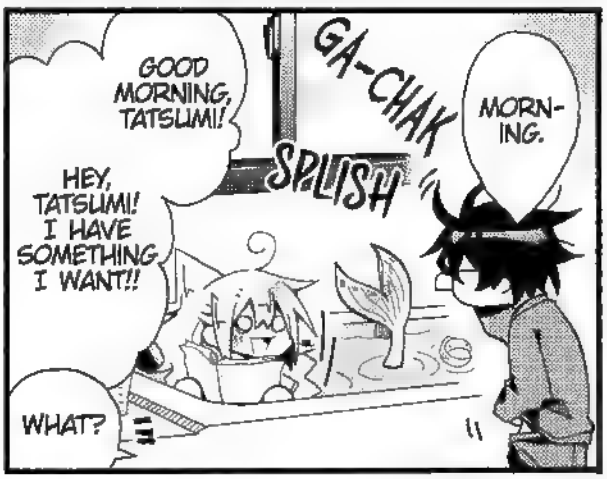
The last day of August is always busy.
31
NO PLANS.
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS...

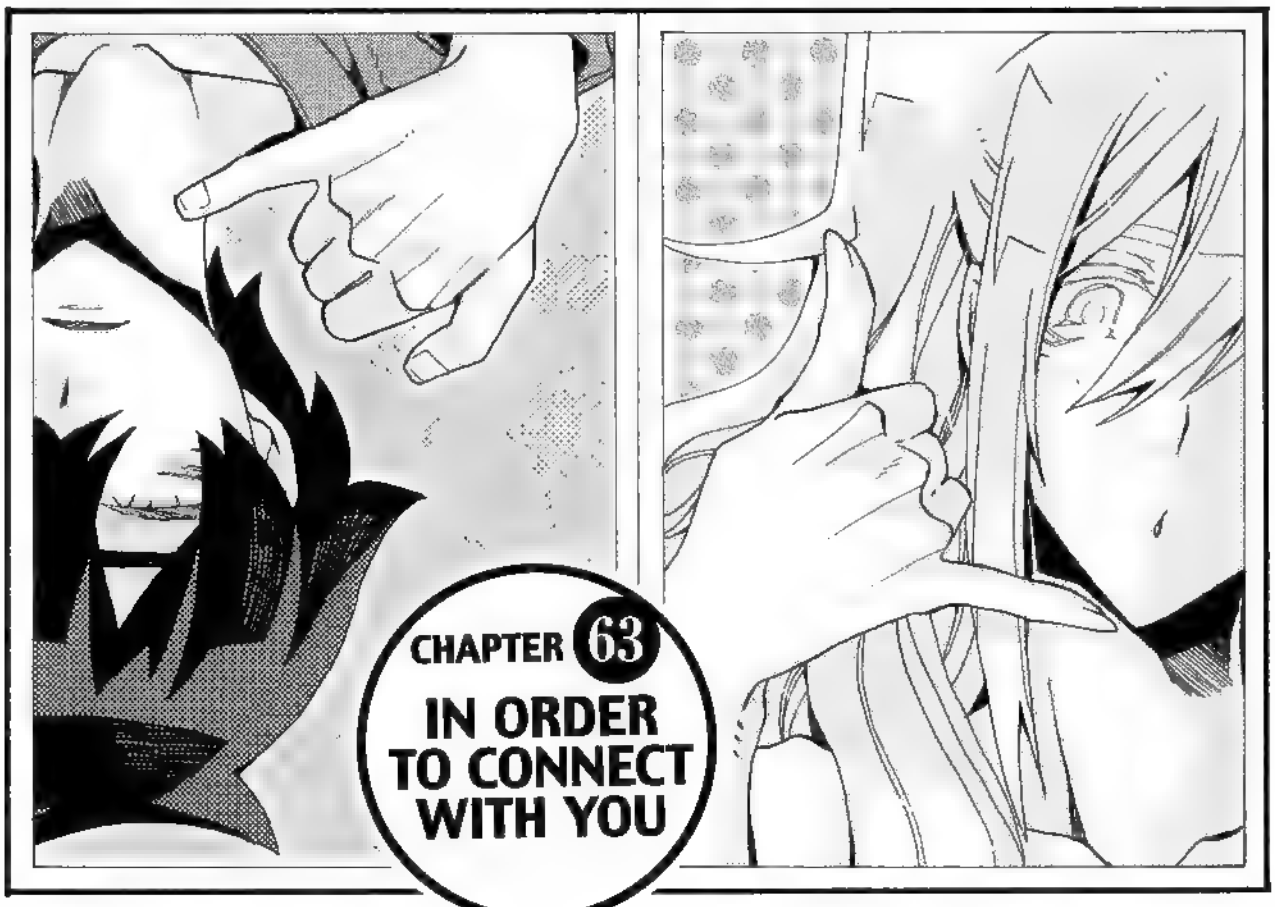

Bath.
ONE BODY ISN'T ENOUGH FOR THIS... I WANT TO SPLIT IN TWO LIKE A JELLYFISH.
SIGH
DIVIDE
He wants to learn to multiply. ♡
NOT A SNAIL?

HUH?
YOU'RE HEADING HOME ALREADY?
I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO PLAY SOME GAMES
YEAH.
THANKS FOR TODAY, TATSUMI.
YOU REALLY HELPED ME OUT.
CLATTER
ALL RIGHT!
SOMEHOW WE MADE IT!!
TAP
TAP
I'LL GET OUT OF YOUR HAIR NOW.
THAT WATERMELON.
MAKE SURE TO EAT IT WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND.
I WANT TO CRACK IT OPEN!!
YAAAY!
HEY, GIRLFRIEND.
WANT TO EAT WATERMELON WITH ME?

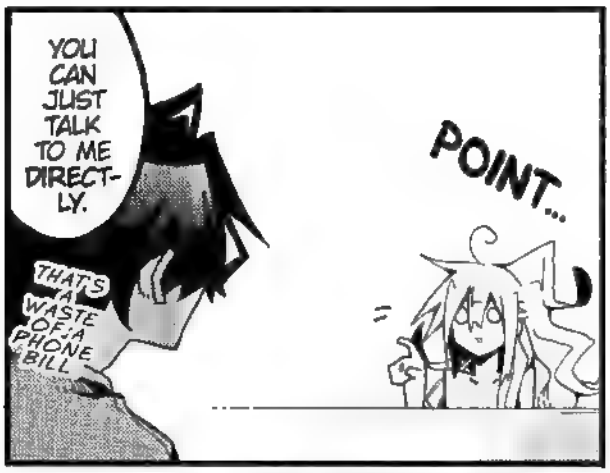
Merman
in My Tub

オレん家のフロ事情





CHAPTER 63
IN ORDER TO CONNECT WITH YOU


YOU CAN JUST TALK TO ME DIRECT-LY.
THAT'S A WASTE OF A PHONE BILL
POINT...

A MERMAN IS TALKING ABOUT WHAT'S CONSIDERED NORMAL?
SPLISH SPLISH
DON'T ALL NORMAL PEOPLE HAVE THEM NOWA-DAYS?!
WHY ?!
SPLISH

I WONDER WHAT THEY WOULD TALK ABOUT.
HUH? WHY WOULD I TALK WITH FISH-SAN ?
YOUR LITTLE SISTER ...?
A... AND...

WE CAN ALSO PLAY GAMES AND SURF THE NET!
WE CAN TALK EVEN IF WE'RE FAR AWAY.
THEY'RE CONVE-NIENT !!
WONDERFUL!!
WHAT'S FOR DINNER TODAY?

GLOOM...

A MER-MAN...
WELL, EVEN PUTTING THAT ASIDE.
.....

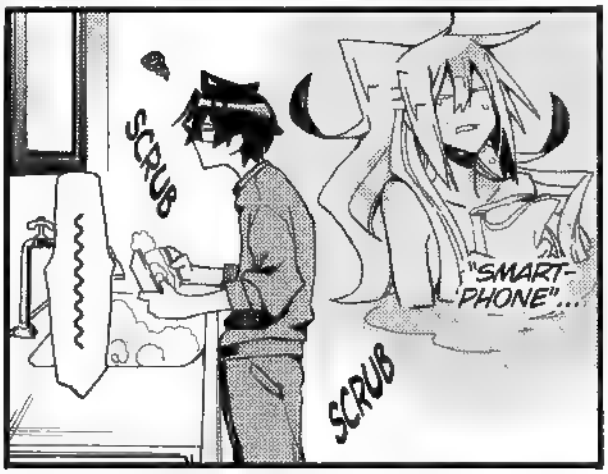
SULK
Break-fast.
IT'S SOME-THING I DON'T NEED ANYWAYS.
SULK
SNIFF...
.....
GLANCE
GLANCE

DO YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS WITH PHONE NUMBERS?
FREEZE

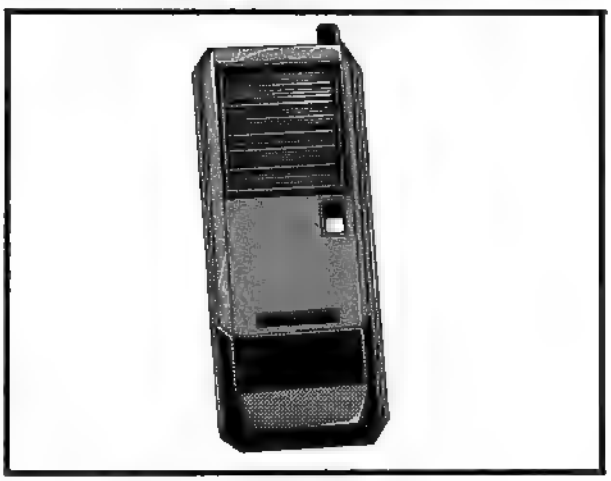
IS THIS REALLY A PHONE?
POKE
IT'S SO BULKY. IT DOESN'T DO ANY-THING WHEN I TOUCH IT.
POKE

HURRY UP AND EAT I CAN'T CLEAN UP OTHERWISE
MMGH!
GIVE IT UP.
IT COSTS MONEY JUST TO KEEP A PHONE.

SPLISH
WHAT ?! THEN IT'S USLESS !!
YOU CAN TALK, BUT THERE IS NO ADDRESS BOOK, GAMES, OR INTERNET.
HOW-EVER.
SPLISH


SCRUB
"SMART-PHONE"...
SCRUB

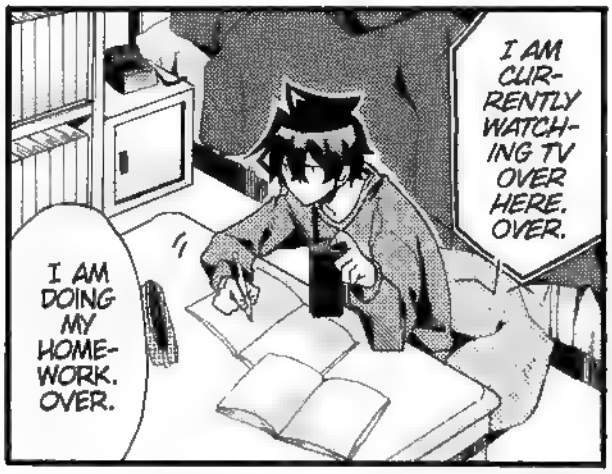
THIS WAS THE FIRST KIND OF CELL-PHONE.
(AS FAR AS I KNOW)



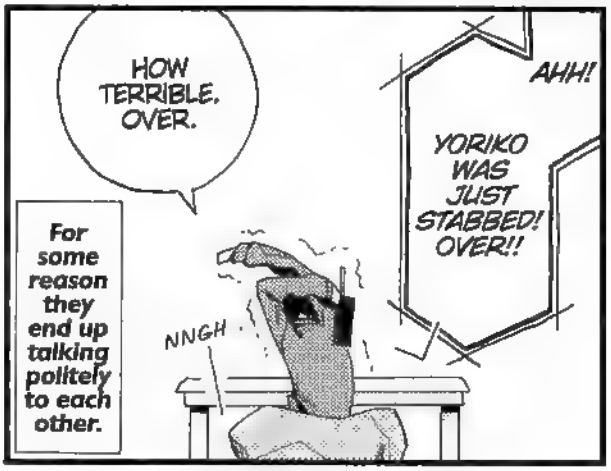
FIRST-GENERA-TION!!!
Vintage things always have a certain allure.

A TRANS-CEIVER.
WHAT IS THIS?

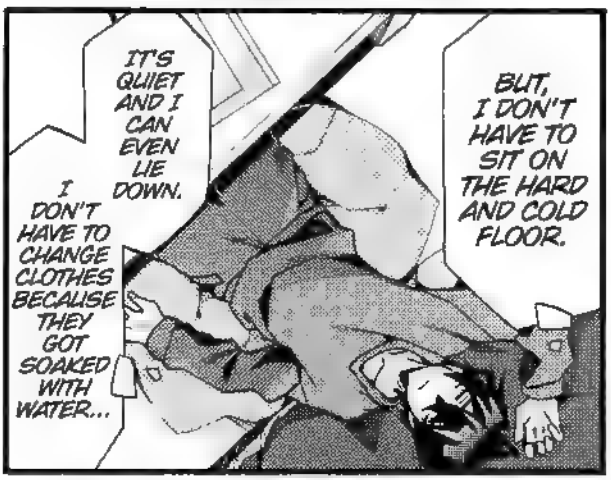
PUSH THIS BUTTON AND TALK INTO IT
LET GO ONCE YOU'RE DONE SPEAKING.
THEN YOU WAIT FOR THE OTHER PERSON'S REPLY
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S IT
I SEE. I SEE!
HOW DO YOU USE IT?!
GOOD. HE'S SUCH A SIMPLE GUY
THIS IS UNIT A. NO PROBLEMS WITH THE MERCHANDISE.
OVER
SOMETHING LIKE THAT?! RIGHT?!
KYA!
KYA!
HE KNOWS IT WELL.


I AM CURRENTLY WATCHING TV OVER HERE. OVER.
I AM DOING MY HOMEWORK. OVER.

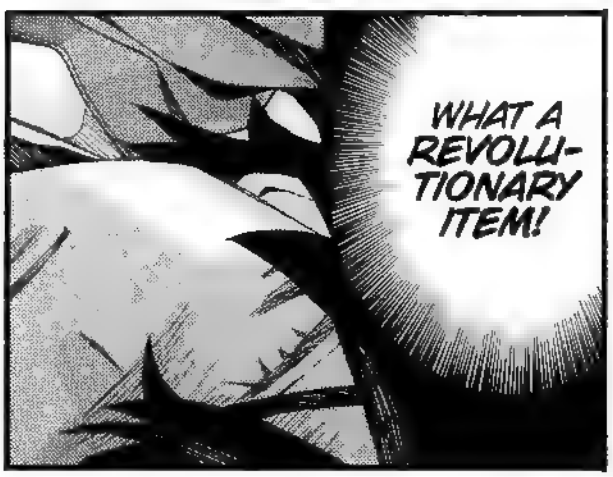
THANKS.
GO AND REST
YOU SHOULD RETURN TO YOUR ROOM, TATSUMI.
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY NOW!


HOW TERRIBLE. OVER.
AHH!
YORIKO WAS JUST STABBED! OVER!!
NNGH
For some reason they end up talking politely to each other.

I AM STILL ON THE STAIRS. OVER.
STEP
STEP
CAN YOU HEAR ME? THIS IS WAKASA. OVER.
AH! AH!


IT'S QUIET AND I CAN EVEN LIE DOWN.
BUT, I DON'T HAVE TO SIT ON THE HARD AND COLD FLOOR.
I DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES BECAUSE THEY GOT SOAKED WITH WATER...

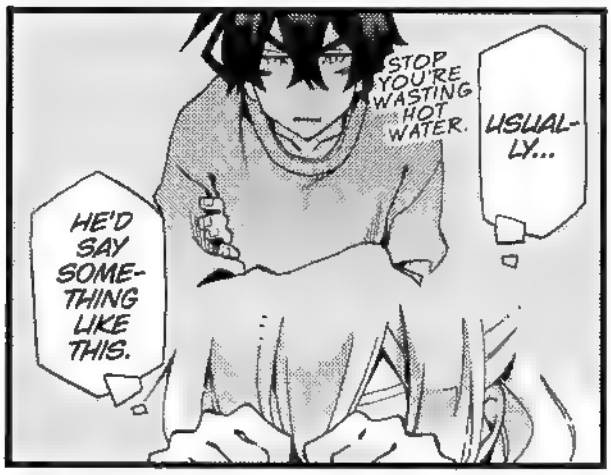
WHOA !!
I CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE PROPERLY!!


WHAT A REVOLUTIONARY ITEM!

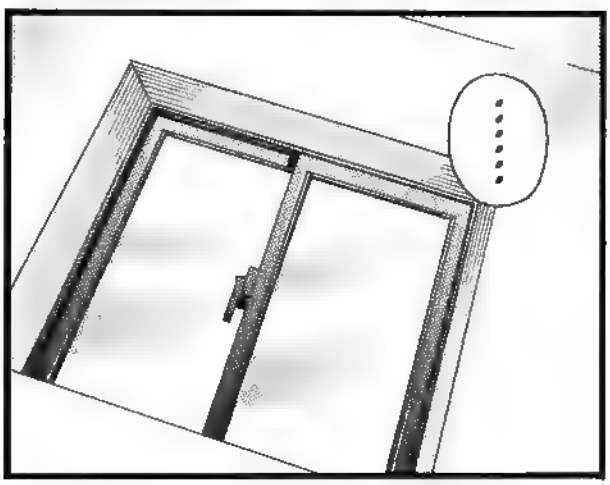
HEH.
THANK YOU, TATSUMI! OVER!
YOU'RE WELCOME.

ビチ SPLISH
ビチ SPLISH
TATSUMI!! YOU'RE SO MEAN!!!
ビチ SPLISH
ビチ SPLISH

TATSUMI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?! OVER!
I AM CURRENTLY READING. OVER.


STOP YOU'RE WASTING HOT WATER.
USUALLY...
HE'D SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

SPLISH
ビチビ
I HAVE FINISHED WATCHING TELEVISION OVER HERE! OVER!
I SEE. OVER.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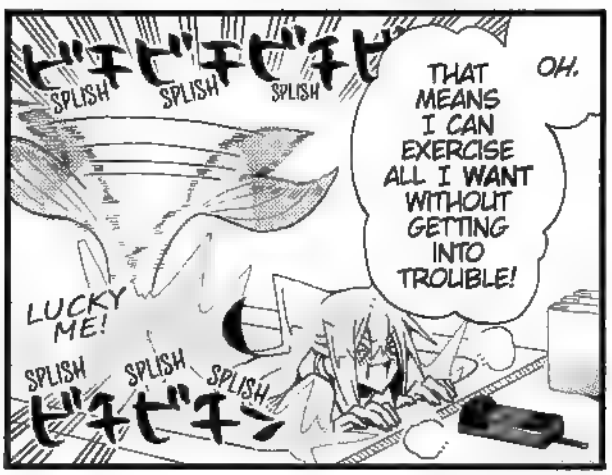
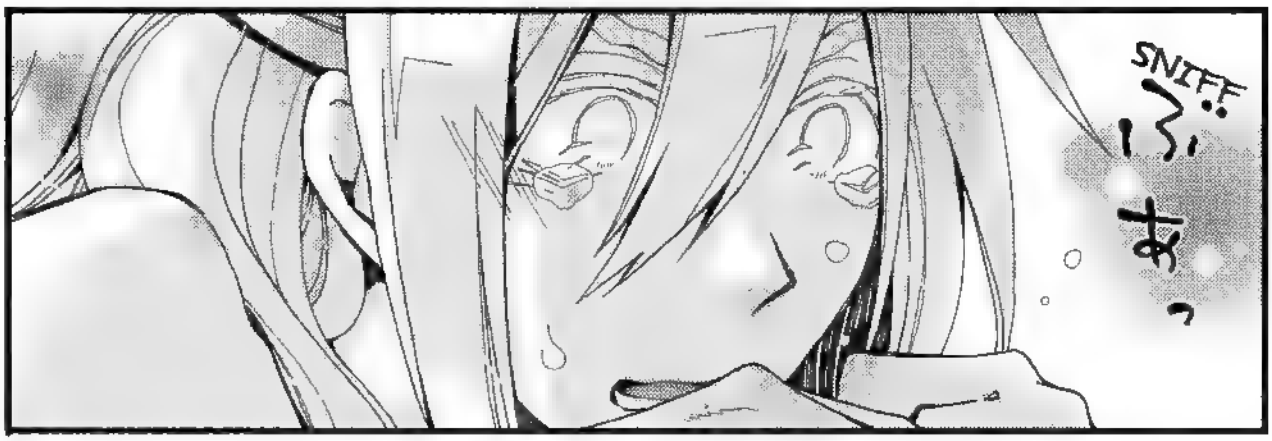
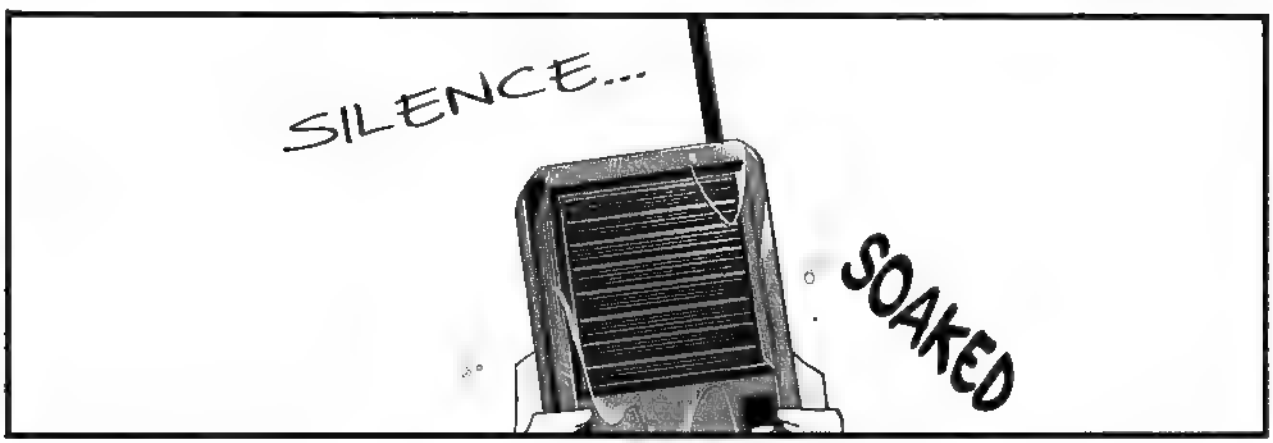
SILENCE...

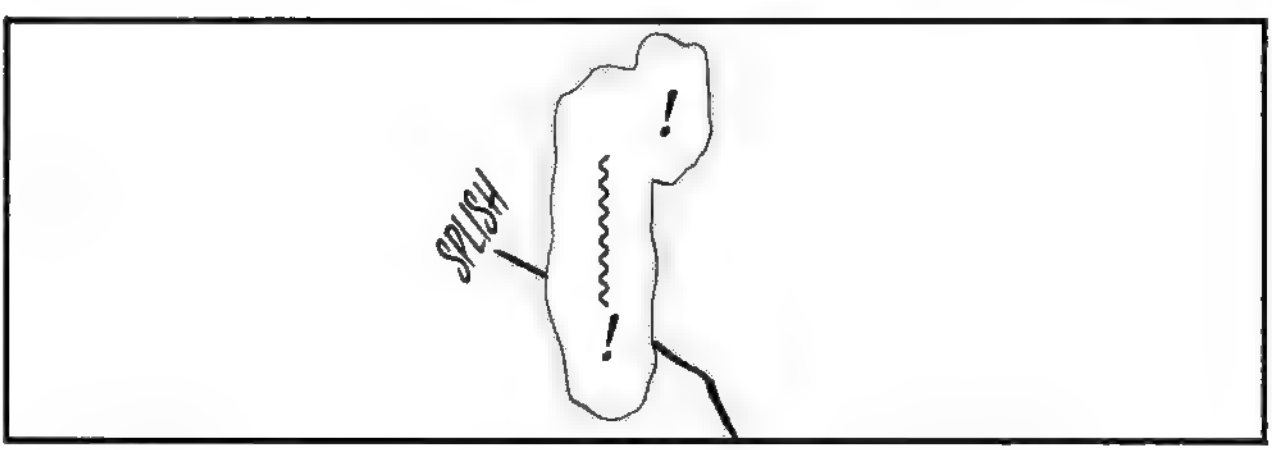

ビチビチビチビ
SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH
OH.
THAT MEANS I CAN EXERCISE ALL I WANT WITHOUT GETTING INTO TROUBLE!
LUCKY ME!
SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH
ビチビチン

SHAKE
SHAKE
IF YOU LEAVE ME ALONE, I WILL FALL ASLEEP. OVER.
ROGER THAT. OVER.


SNIFF

TA... TATSUMI, COME OVER AND PLAY WITH ME. OVER~!
ガシッ
NO. NOT LUCKY. PHONES ARE BORING!!

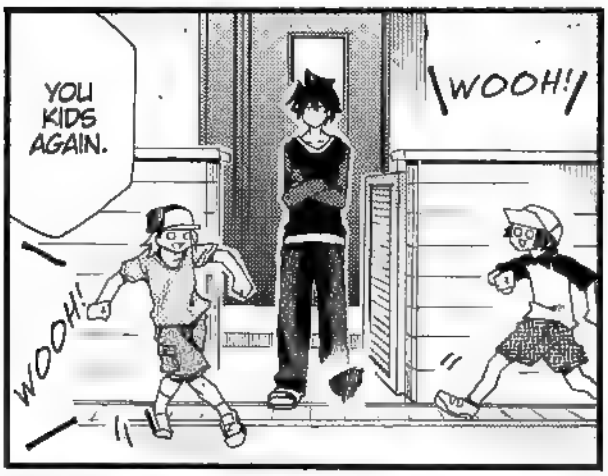

SILENCE...
SOAKED


SPLISH
!
!

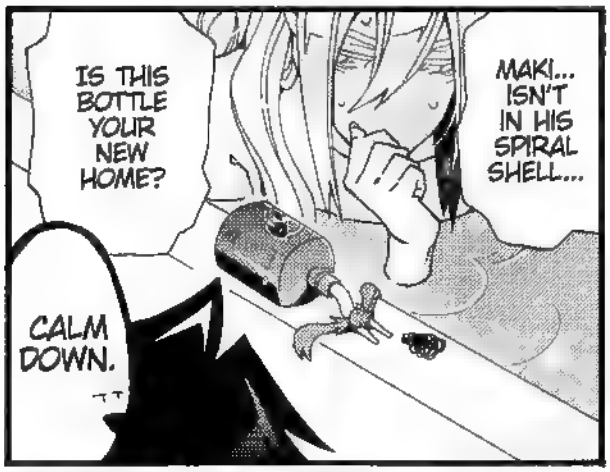
LUNCH HAS BEEN PRE-PARED. OVER.
HUH? THERE'S NO ANSWER.
...?
TATSUMI --!!!
UGH!
YOU'RE ALREADY TIRED OF IT, WAKASA? THAT'S FAST.
GA-CHAK
I THOUGHT HE REALLY LIKED IT...
I DON'T NEED A PHONE ANY-MORE !!
STAY HERE AND SHOW ME YOUR FACE! LET ME HEAR YOUR REAL VOICE...!!!
ROGER THAT.
MY HOUSE SEEMS TO HAVE NO USE FOR MODERN ELEC-TRONICS.

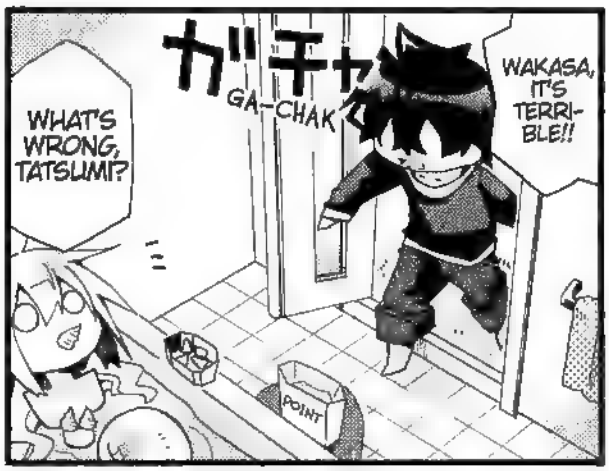
Merman
in My Tub

オレん家のフロ事情



CHAPTER 64
MAKI-SAN'S HOUSE

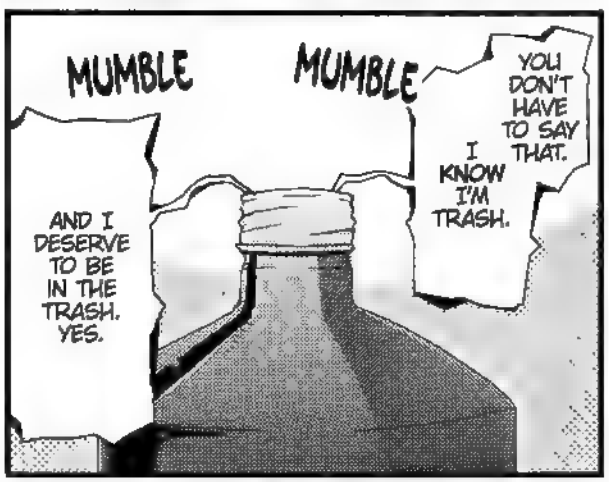

IS THIS BOTTLE YOUR NEW HOME?
MAKI... ISN'T IN HIS SPIRAL SHELL...
CALM DOWN.


ガチャ
GA-CHAK
WHAT'S WRONG, TATSUMI?
WAKASA, IT'S TERRIBLE!!
POINT

WHY ARE YOU IN THERE?
WILL YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED?

WHY DID YOU BRING IN TRASH?
INSIDE
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...!!
KYU-POK

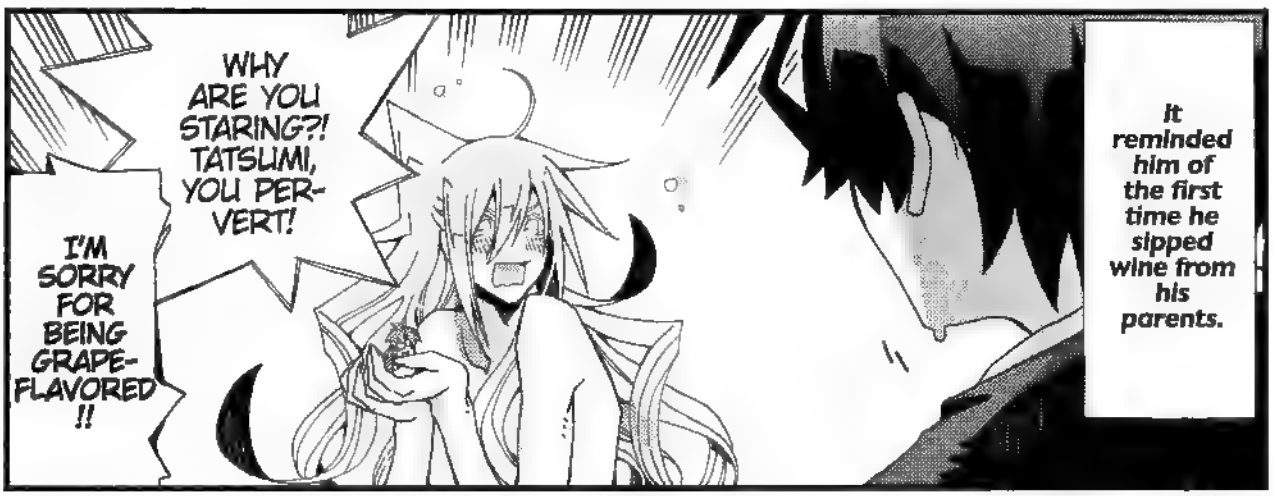
A WILD HERMIT CRAB...
TOOK... MY SHELL...
KSHAA
SLIDE
SLIDE


MUMBLE
MUMBLE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT.
I KNOW I'M TRASH.
AND I DESERVE TO BE IN THE TRASH. YES.

HE LET A HERMIT CRAB TAKE HIS HOUSE.
I'M JUST A WATER SNAIL!
IT'S FINE! I'M FINE WITH BEING TRASH...!!
NOT GOOD! YOU HAVE TO FIND A BETTER HOUSE!!
CLANK
CLANK
MAKI-SAN

STOP, WAKASA !!
IS THAT YOU, MAKI?!
HUH?! MAKI?!
HYAAAAAH!

AT LEAST COME OUT OF THERE, MAKI!
YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME GRAPE-FLAVORED!
"GULP..."
SLURP
AHH!
YOU ALREADY SMELL SO GOOD...!


WHY ARE YOU STARING?! TATSUMI, YOU PER-VERT!
I'M SORRY FOR BEING GRAPE-FLAVORED !!
It reminded him of the first time he sipped wine from his parents.

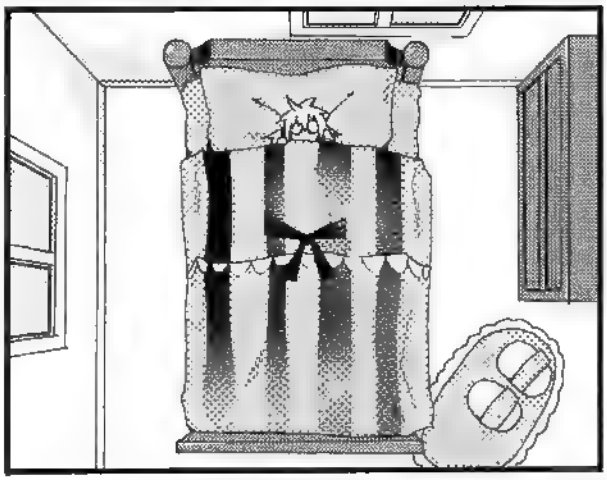
I FEEL LIKE I'M SHRIVELING UP AND DYING AS WE SPEAK!!
AHH!
SO... SO BRIGHT... I FEEL SO UNEASY...
IS THAT SO?
HMM

HEEEK
I WISH WE HAD A SNAIL SHELL...
UNFORTUNATELY, THAT ISN'T SOMETHING I WOULD THINK TO COLLECT.

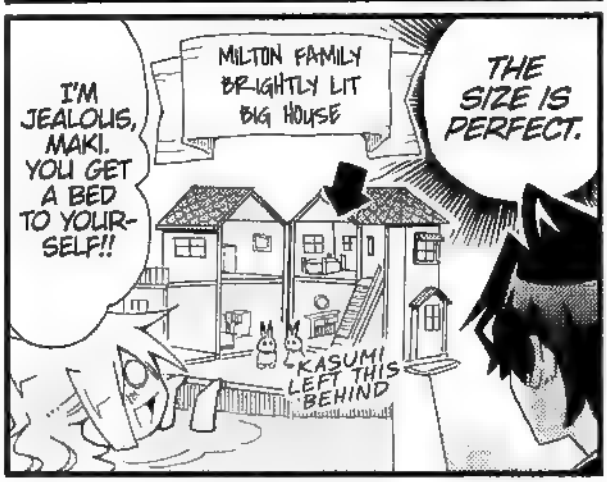
BUT, I...!
NO GOOD, THEN...

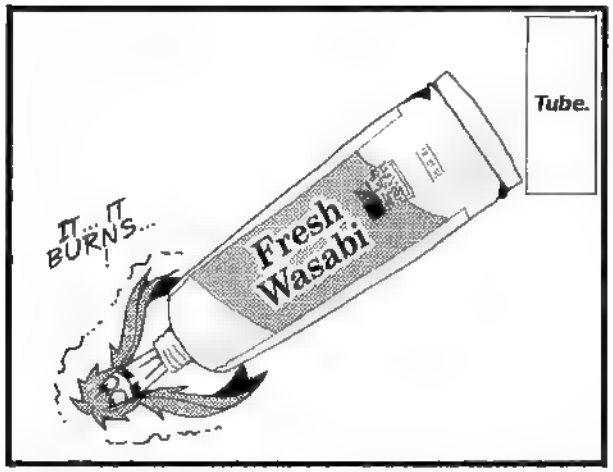
HMM...
SOMETHING GOOD.

I KNOW THIS IS ARROGANT OF ME.
I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO SEE NEW WORLDS ...!!
ONTA

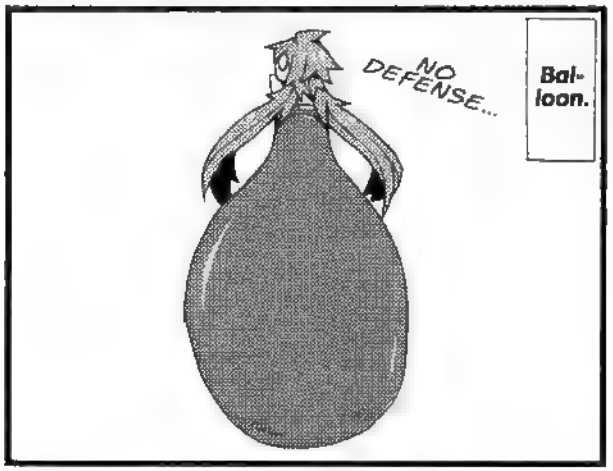


THOUGH HE'S ALREADY BEEN OUT OF IT FOR A WHILE.
SPLISH
He felt like he finally got out of his shell.
MAKI!!! I HARDLY RECOGNIZE YOU!!
I MEAN IT WAS STOLEN.
SPLISH

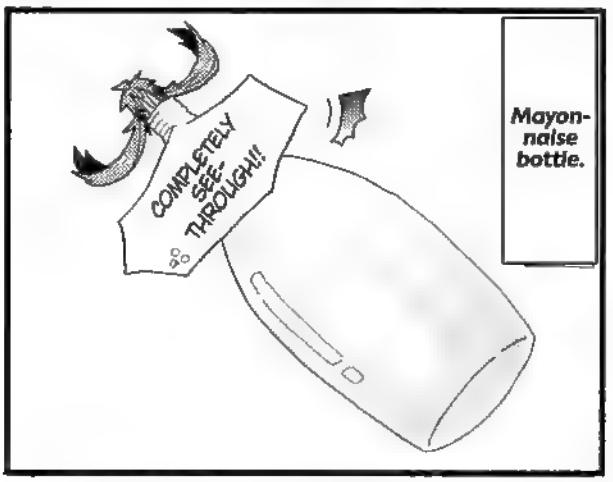

I'M JEALOUS, MAKI. YOU GET A BED TO YOURSELF!!
MILTON FAMILY BRIGHTLY LIT BIG HOUSE
KASUMI LEFT THIS BEHIND
THE SIZE IS PERFECT.

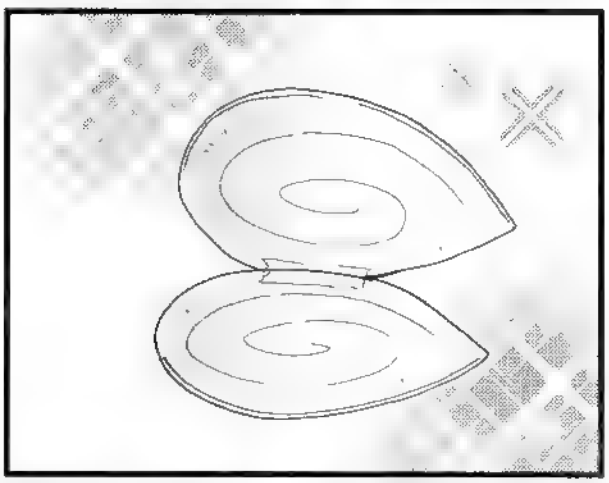

Tube.
IT...IT BURNS...
Fresh Wasabi

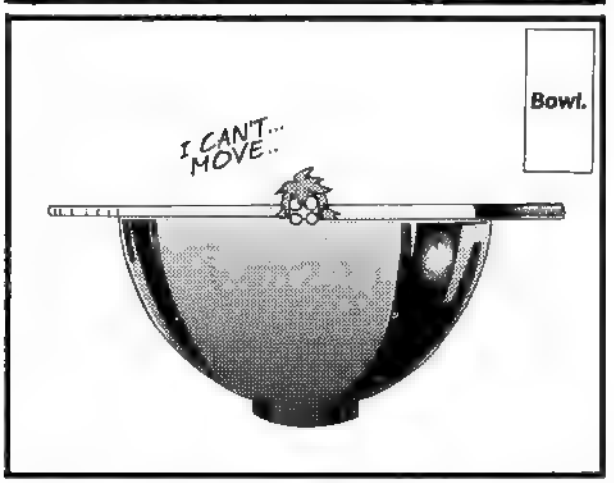
THUMP
LEAVE IT TO ME!!


Balloon.
NO DEFENSE...

POKE
I'LL MAKE SOMETHING AMAZING FOR YOU, MAKI!
WAKA-SA...!

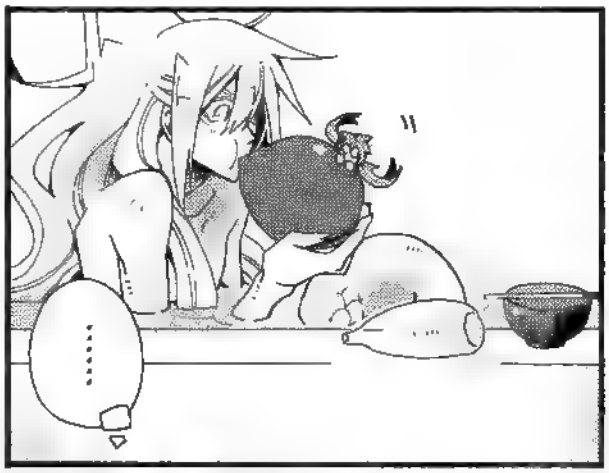

Mayonnaise bottle.
COMPLETELY SEE-THROUGH!!




Bowl.
I CAN'T MOVE..

I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA
SHOCK
THIS IS JUST TOO ROOMY FOR ME...
I'M SORRY
SO VISIBLE

GA-CHAK
40 minutes later.
WELCOME BACK.
I AM VERY SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE...!
THANKS FOR WAITING.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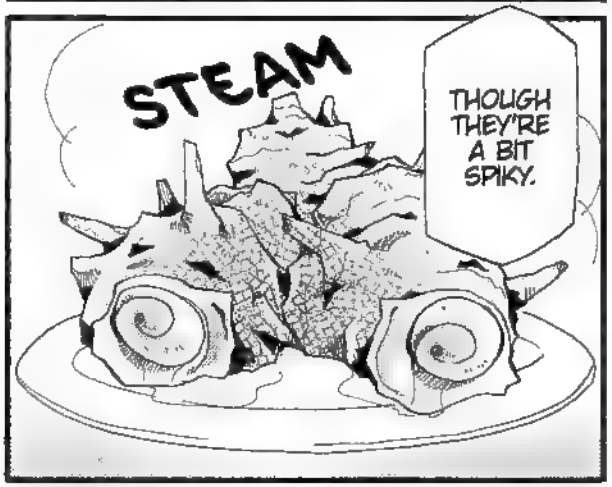
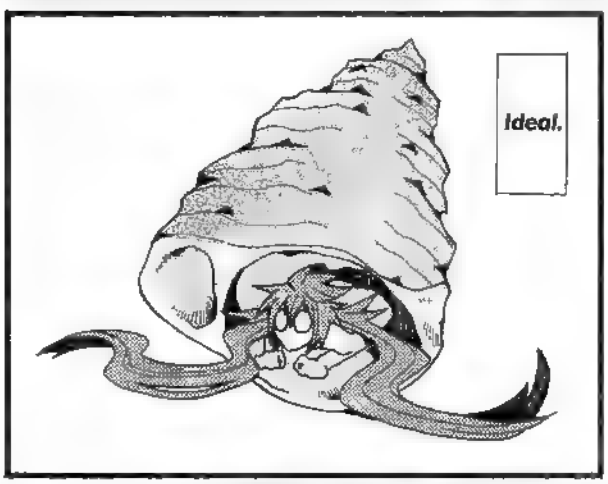
WHAT ABOUT THESE?
I THINK THEY WOULD FIT YOU WELL, MAKI-SAN...

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING AROUND THAT MAKI CAN USE.


STEAM
THOUGH THEY'RE A BIT SPIKY.


Ideal.

GULP...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE'LL ORDER A SPECIAL DINNER TONIGHT.
I'M GOING TO GO AND BUY A NEW HOUSE FOR HIM.
OKAY!

WE'LL BE EATING OKRA EVERY DAY STARTING TOMORROW. SO ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF THIS.
HUH?
IT'S SO PLUMP AND WONDERFUL!
Getting a new home is expensive.
LET'S SEE LET'S SEE
I'M SO HAPPY!
MMM!
SO DELICIOUS!
SPIKE
HERE. YOU HAVE SOME TOO, MAKI-SAN.
HAAH?
HIS PERSONALITY CHANGED ALONG WITH HIS HOUSE?
CLOTHES DO MAKE THE MAN
HMPH! THIS FOOD DONT SUCK NEITHER
THIS HOUSE ROCKS!
His attack power has increased.

IT SMELLS OF SHELL-FISH!
IT SMELLS QUITE GOOD HERE!
HM?
THIS IS...
OH! GORO-MARU...! THAT'S --!
THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD!!
I WILL GIVE YOU A LOT OF MY SHELLS SO LET ME EAT ONE!!
CLATTER
CLATTER
YOU SNIFFED US OUT.
THAT'S FAIR, MAKI. PICK WHICHEVER ONE YOU WANT!
IT'S MAKI! DON'T EAT HIM!!
THIS BLOWS!

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in My Tub

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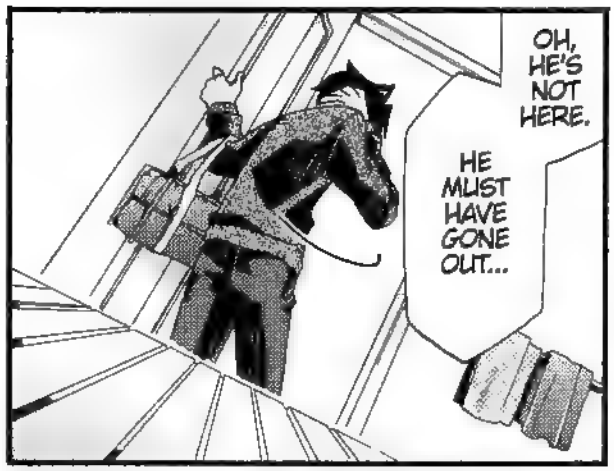
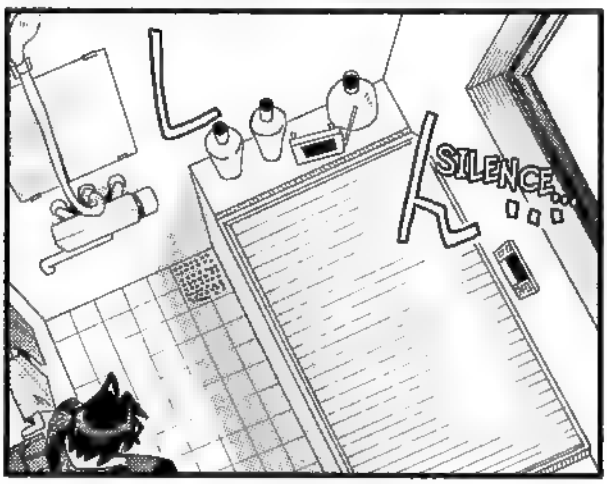
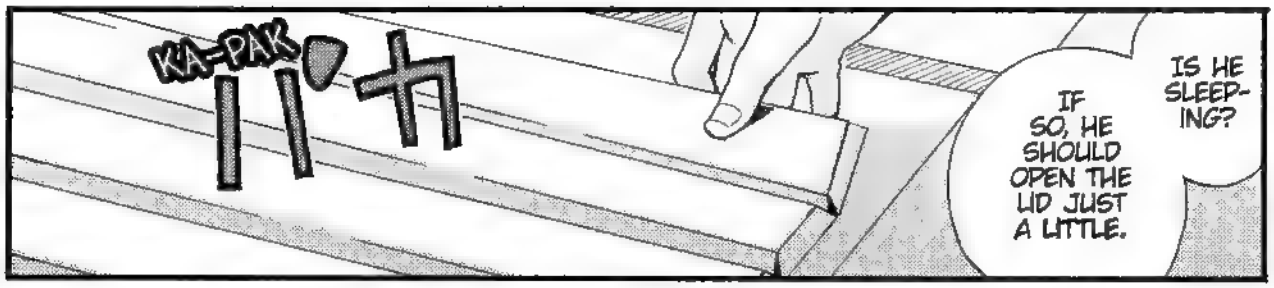

OH, HE'S NOT HERE.
HE MUST HAVE GONE OUT...

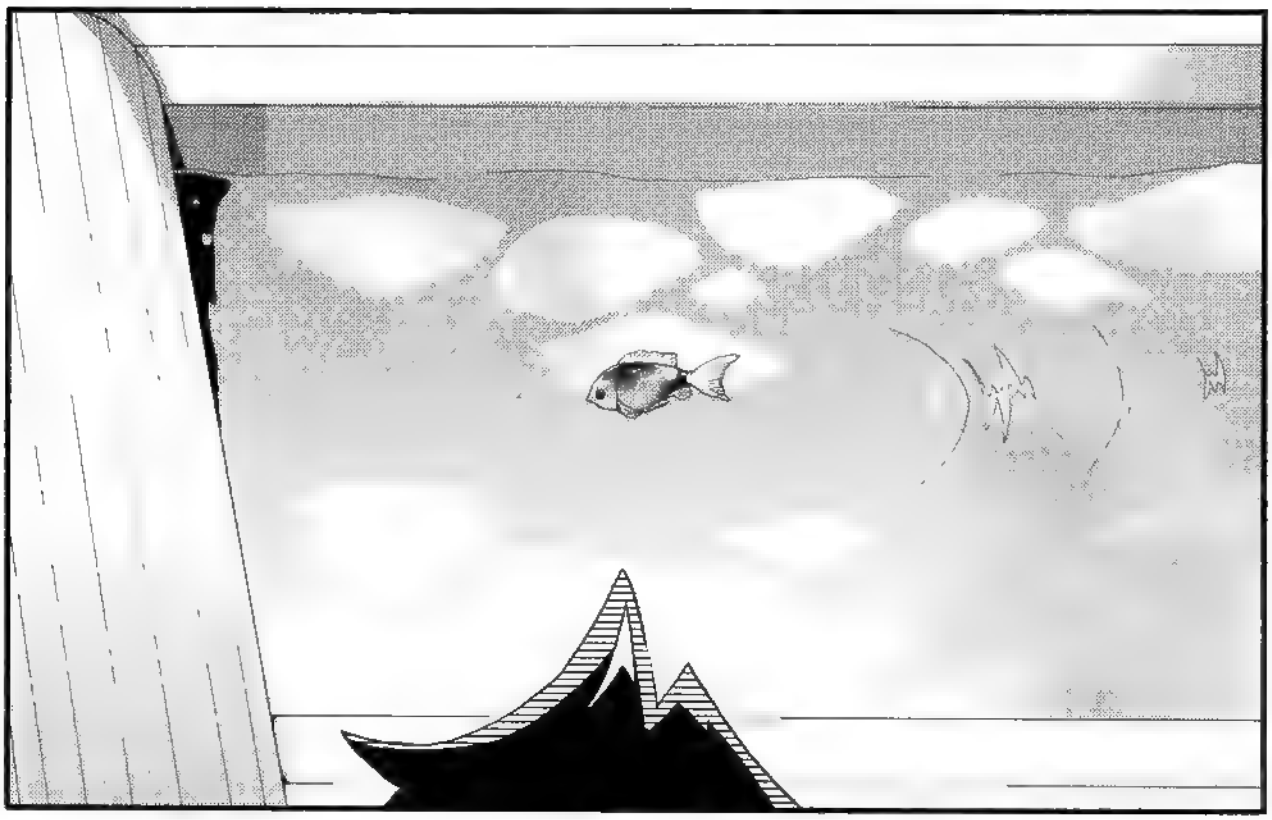
GA-CHAK
I'M HOME, WAKA-SA...
I FEEL A LITTLE FEVERISH TODAY.

WAIT!
FWUP
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !!!


SILENCE...

CHAPTER 65
OUR ONE AND ONLY


KA-PAK
IS HE SLEEP-ING?
IF SO, HE SHOULD OPEN THE LID JUST A LITTLE.



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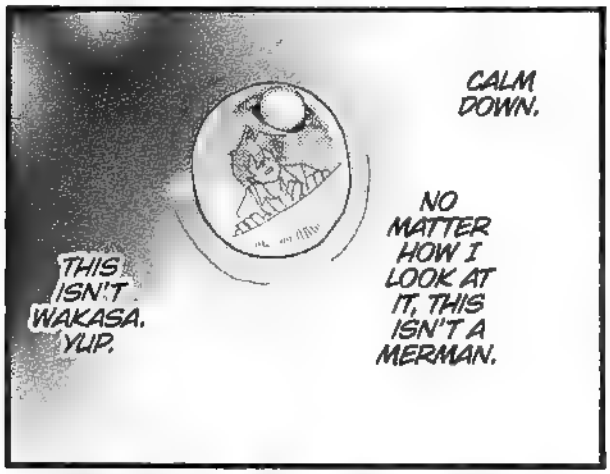

CALM DOWN.
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, THIS ISN'T A MERMAN.
THIS ISN'T WAKASA. YUP.

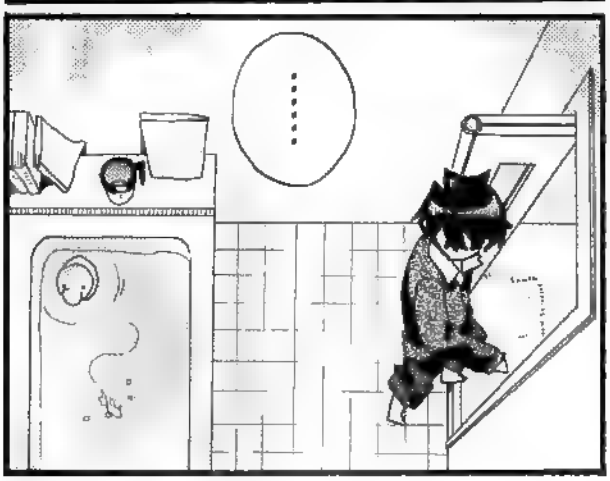
RUB
WAKA-SA?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY EYES?
WAKASA LOOKS A LOT SMALLER THAN USUAL.
RUB

RATTLE
HEY, WAKA-SA.
WHERE ARE YOU?

I PULLED AN ALL-NIGHTER PLAYING THE GAME I BORROW-ED FROM SOUSUKE.
RUUB
I MUST BE HALLUCI-NATING FROM FATIGUE.
RUUB

GA-CHAK
YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE ON YOUR OWN.

FWUP
IF I LOOK AGAIN CARE-FULLY,
HE'LL BE BIG AGAIN.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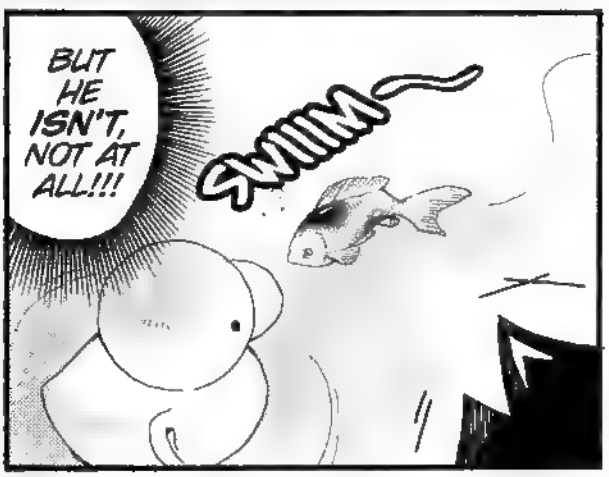
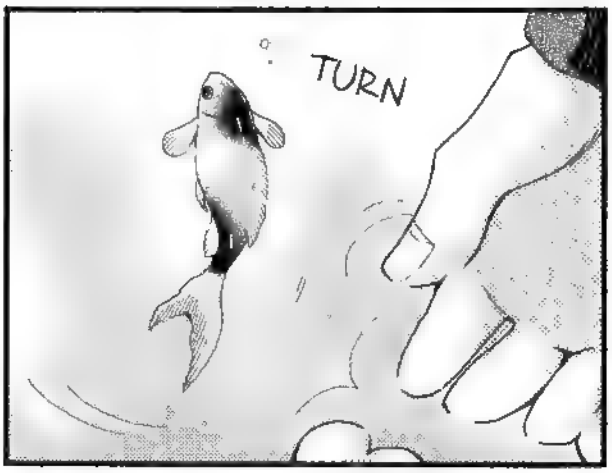
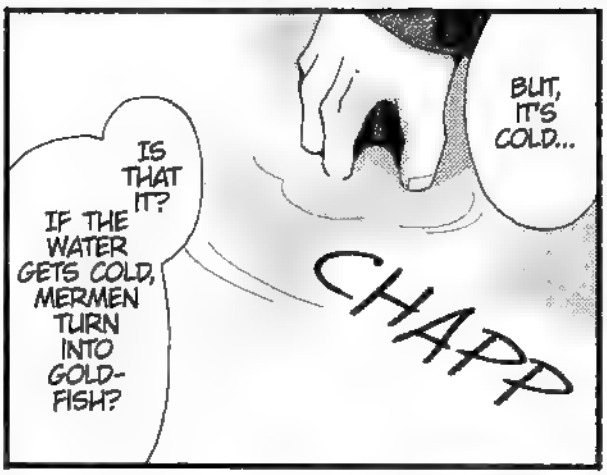
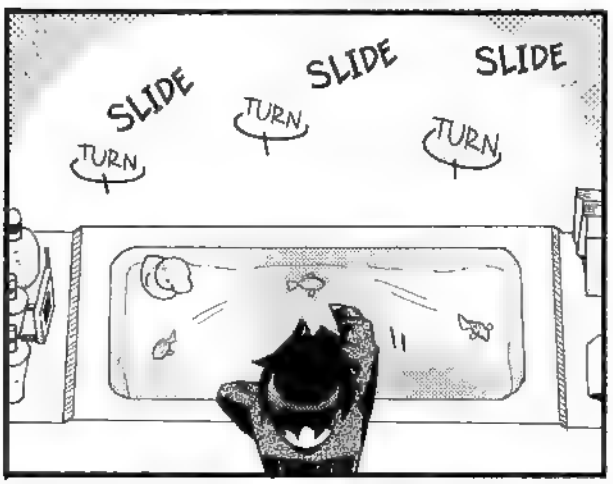

BUT HE ISN'T, NOT AT ALL!!!
SWIIIM

SLIDE
YOU KNOW, NO ONE KNOWS MUCH ABOUT MER-PEOPLE.
YOU SHOULD TELL ME THINGS LIKE THIS AHEAD OF TIME.

ARE YOU WAKASA ?!


TURN


BUT, IT'S COLD...
CHAPP
IS THAT IT?
IF THE WATER GETS COLD, MERMEN TURN INTO GOLD-FISH?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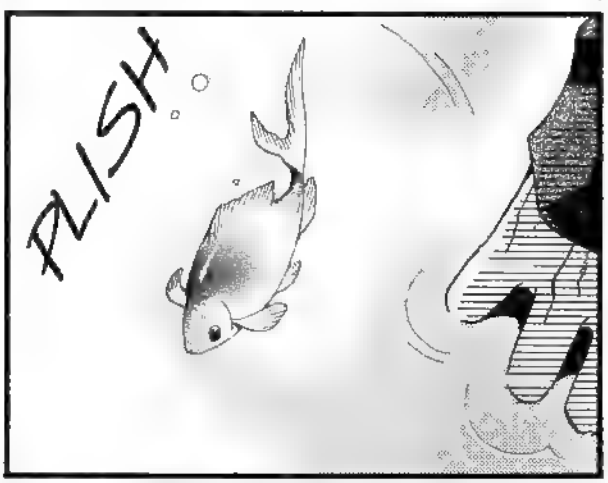

PLISH

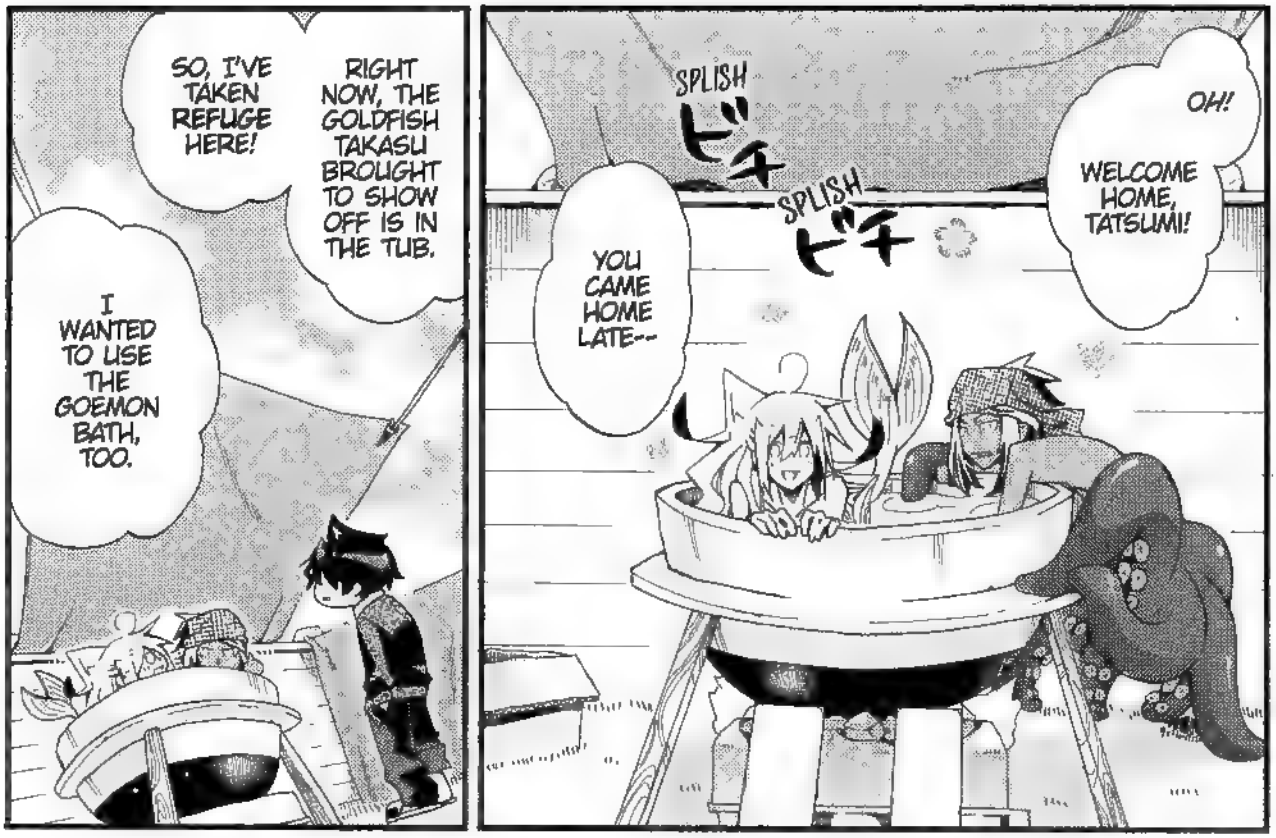
IT FEELS LIKE THE FISH-CATCHING GAME DURING THE SUMMER FESTIVAL.

DO THEY?
I DIDN'T KNOW

I CAN'T BELIEVE WAKASA TURNED INTO A GOLDFISH.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT MERMEN EXIST.
HM?
COULD IT BE THERE WAS NEVER A MERMAN IN THE FIRST PLACE?
EVERY-THING FELT LIKE A DREAM WITH WAKASA.
MAYBE IT WAS ALL A DREAM?

WAS EVERYTHING UNTIL NOW ALL A DREAM?
HEY, WAKASA.
ANYMORE?
OR PLAY WITH ME...
EAT WITH ME...
YOU WON'T SPEAK WITH ME...
PLISH
SAY SOME-THING...
WAKASA.
HEY.

カラッ★
RATTLE
?!
OH! TATSUMI!
HUH?
THAT.
IT'S A GOLD-FISH?
CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING?
BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU...
BET HE'S HAPPY SWIMMING AROUND IN SUCH A BIG SPACE.
YOU WERE PLAYING AROUND WITH MY AONI-MARU!?!
HM ...?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THE TYPE THAT TALKED TO GOLDFISH.


SO, I'VE TAKEN REFUGE HERE!
RIGHT NOW, THE GOLDFISH TAKASU BROUGHT TO SHOW OFF IS IN THE TUB.
I WANTED TO USE THE GOEMON BATH, TOO.
SPLISH
ビチ
SPLISH
ビチ
OH!
WELCOME HOME, TATSUMI!
YOU CAME HOME LATE--

WHAT'S WRONG, TATSUMI ...?!
H...
HUH?!

NO WONDER I'VE BEEN FEELING STRANGE.
COULD IT BE THAT YOU HAVE A FEVER?!
SWAY
HUH?! TATSUMI, YOU FELT HOT?!
WH...
WHY ARE YOU MAD, TATSUMI ?!

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in My Tub

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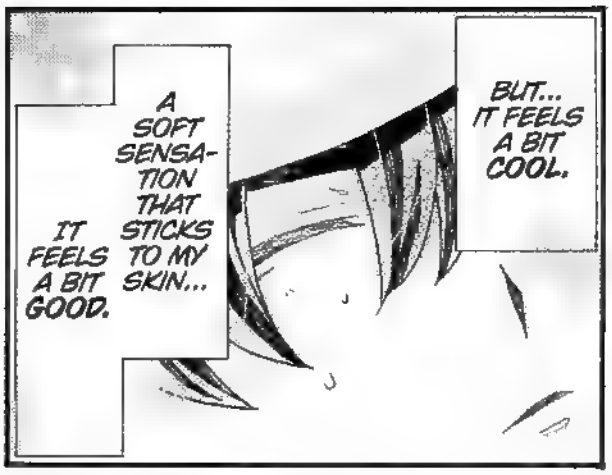
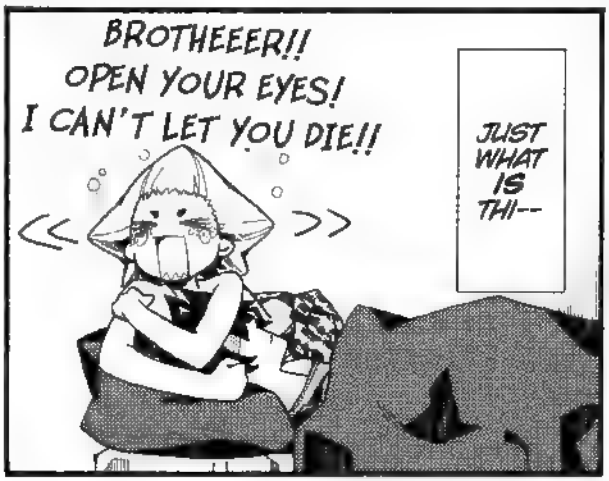
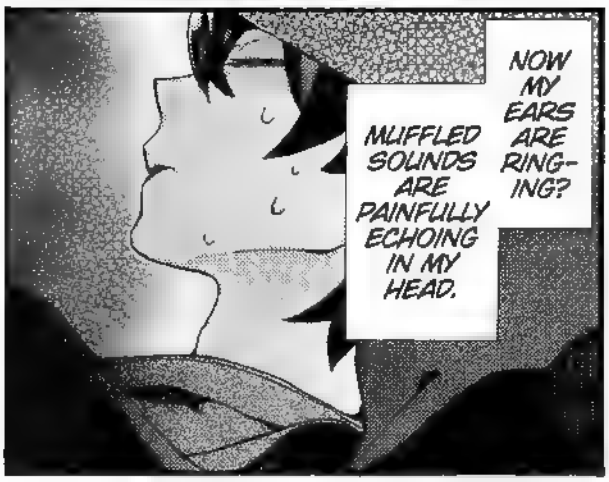

BUT... IT FEELS A BIT COOL.
A SOFT SENSATION THAT STICKS TO MY SKIN...
IT FEELS A BIT GOOD.

I MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN SICK.
I FELT FEVERISH THE LAST CHAPTER TOO...
MY BODY FEELS HEAVY LIKE LEAD.


BROTHEEER!! OPEN YOUR EYES! I CAN'T LET YOU DIE!!
JUST WHAT IS THI--

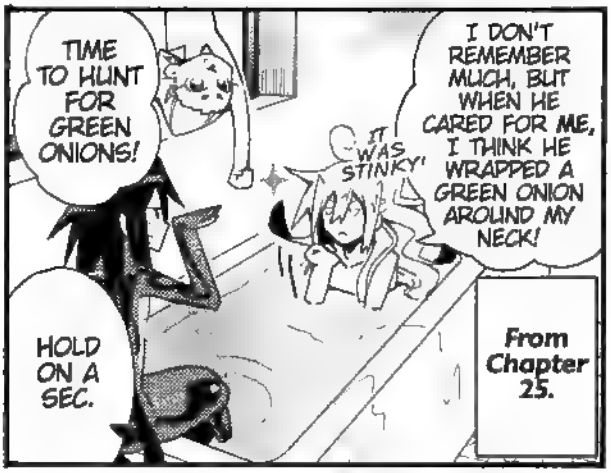

NOW MY EARS ARE RINGING?
MUFFLED SOUNDS ARE PAINFULLY ECHOING IN MY HEAD.

CHAPTER 66
NURSING IN MY HOUSE

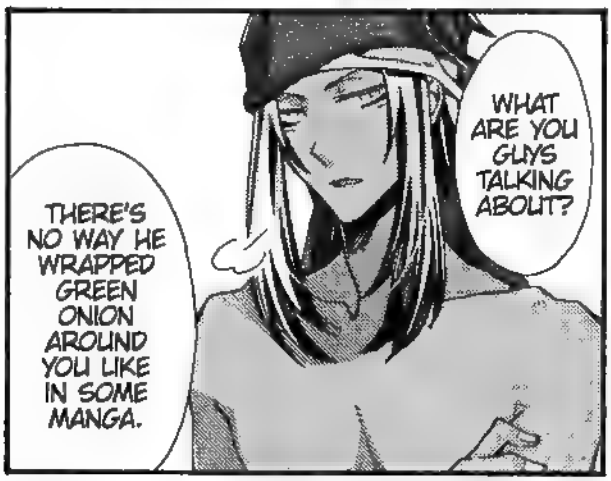
AS I THOUGHT !!
SPLISH
ビチッ
HE DIDN'T WAKE UP, EVEN THOUGH IT'S PAST LUNCH-TIME...
SO I KNEW SOME-THING WAS WRONG ...!!
WAKA-SAAA ~?!
BROTHER WAS DEAD, AFTER ALL~!!
IF I DIED, IT WOULD BE FROM THIS.
ズルー
DRAAG
LET US NURSE YOU!!
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU...!!
GLIMMER
SERIOUS AURA
GLIMMER
SERIOUS AURA
SERIOUS AURA
YOUR GUNG-HO BEDSIDE MANNER IS SCARING ME.
SORRY ...
SERIOUS AURA
SERIOUS AURA
GLIMMER
THANKS ...
GUGH

SCHOOL? WE'RE NOT STUDENTS LIKE YOU, YOU KNOW.
JUST LIKE I'D EXPECT ... FROM A SCHOOL OF FISH PEOPLE ...
SIGH...

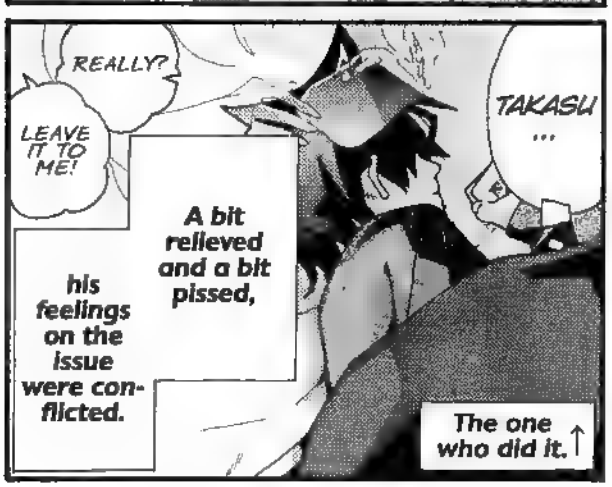
NO. I'LL DROWN AND DIE.
HERE, TATSUMI. LIE DOWN !!
I'LL WORK HARD TO NURSE YOU, AS YOU DID FOR ME!!


TIME TO HUNT FOR GREEN ONIONS!
HOLD ON A SEC.
IT WAS STINKY!
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH, BUT WHEN HE CARED FOR ME, I THINK HE WRAPPED A GREEN ONION AROUND MY NECK!
From Chapter 25.

THEY SAY IT'S BEST TO REST ON THINGS YOU'RE USED TO.
THAT GOES THE SAME FOR ME.
SO FAR AWAY...
HE BROUGHT THEM DOWN.

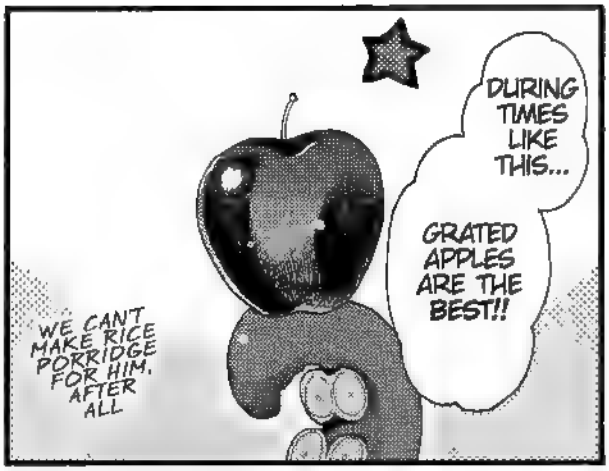

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S NO WAY HE WRAPPED GREEN ONION AROUND YOU LIKE IN SOME MANGA.

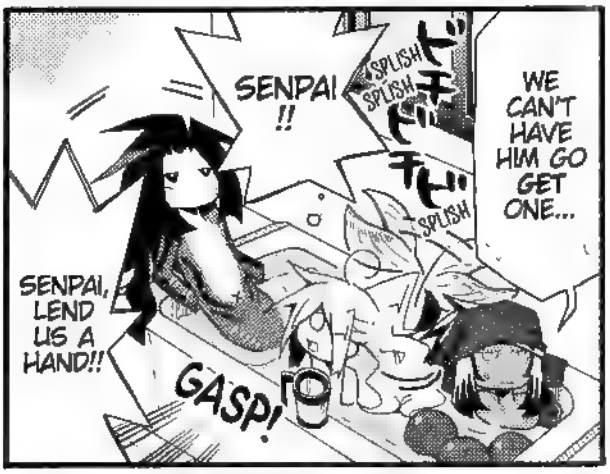
SPLISH
SPLASH
ROLL
AH.
IT FEELS GOOD.
WHEN DID THEY BRING IN A WATER PILLOW?
THESE GUYS


REALLY?
LEAVE IT TO ME!
TAKASU ...
A bit relieved and a bit pissed,
his feelings on the issue were conflicted.
The one who did it.

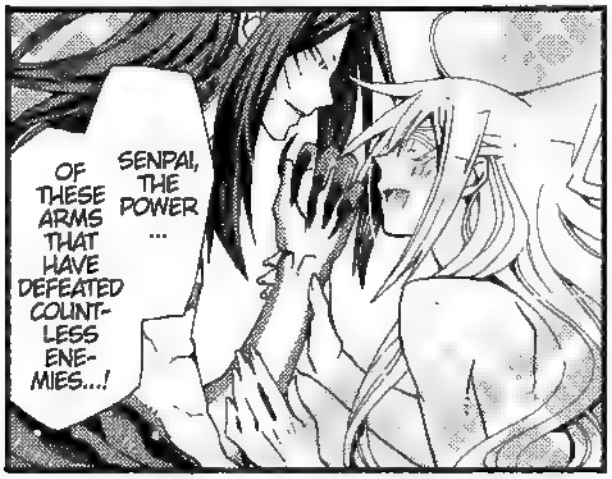
SMILE
SMILE

Keeping his spirits up.
SHOULD WE CRUSH IT BY HAND?
WHAT SHALL WE DO?
MEETING IN PROGRESSS
POUND IT DOWN?
YOU WON'T DIE. HUMANS ARE TOUGH!
IT... IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, TATSUMI-SAN!
THAT'S RIGHT!


DURING TIMES LIKE THIS...
GRATED APPLES ARE THE BEST!!
WE CAN'T MAKE RICE PORRIDGE FOR HIM, AFTER ALL


SENPAI!!
SPLISH SPLISH
ドチドチ
SPLISH
WE CAN'T HAVE HIM GO GET ONE...
SENPAI, LEND US A HAND!!
GASP!

HEH HEH
OH.
YES, TAKASU.
OH HO!
WHAT IS IT?


SENPAI, THE POWER...
OF THESE ARMS THAT HAVE DEFEATED COUNTLESS ENEMIES...!

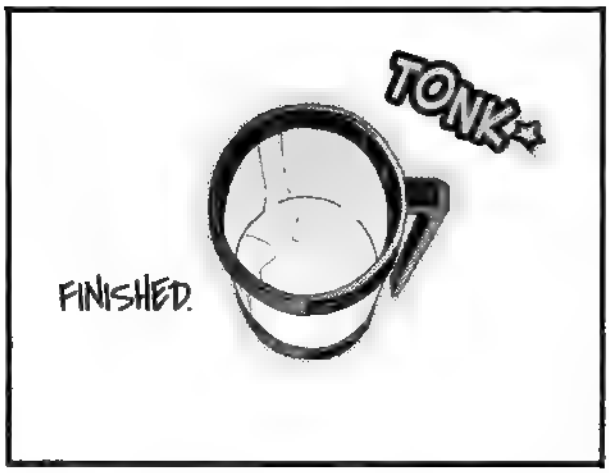
WE HAVE A CUP I USED YESTERDAY THAT WE CAN PUT IT IN
HOW WILL WE GRATE IT?
HOW? WE'LL USE A GRATER--

鮫肌
SHARK SKIN
GRATE GRATE
NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW YOUR STRENGTH, SENPAI!!
※ They washed his arms first.
GRATE GRATE GRATE GRATE

WE DON'T HAVE A GRATER IN THE HOUSE...
DRAG

WE'RE DONE, TATSUMI !!
DA~DAAAA~!
ALL RIGHT!!
EAT THIS AND GET BETTER ALREADY!!
GRAB
HUH?!
ST... STOP ...!
WRAP
WE DID IT!
HUH? IT ACTUALLY TASTES GOOD...?
SLURP
WHO WOULD EAT SOME-THING YOU GUYS MADE--?

RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
WHERE'D I PUT IT—?
IT'S OKAY. I'LL JUST SLEEP IT OFF.
RIGHT. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE.
ROLL


TONK
FINISHED.

KA-POK
DON'T WORRY, MY MEDICINE'S GREAT!

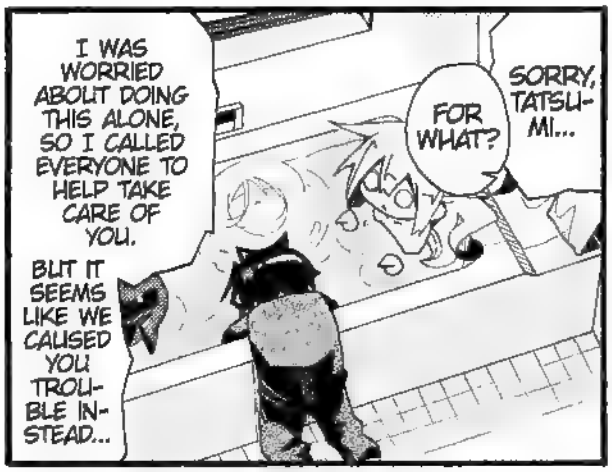
BROTHER, YOUR APPETITE IS WONDERFUL!!
HOW DID THEY GRATE THE APPLE SO PERFECTLY...?

IT'S PROBABLY POISON TO HUMANS!

SNAAAAAP
鮫
SHARK
肌
SKIN

YOU'RE JUST LIKE A KID!!
HA HA!
NO! STAY AWAY !!

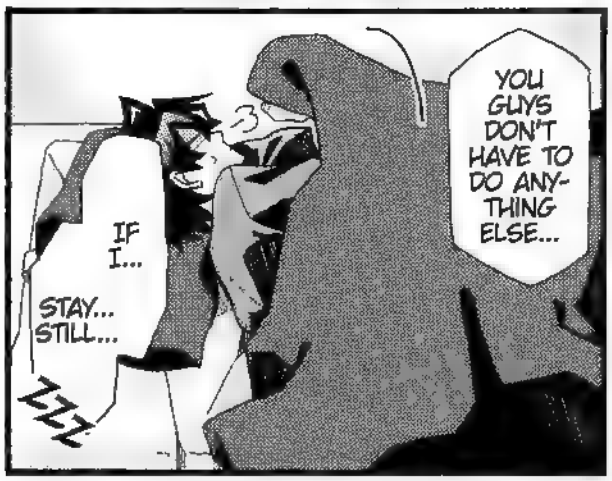
NEXT TIME.
HE SAYS
SNAAAP
I WANTED TO ADD MORE FOOD.
LIKE FRESH WASABI..
AND OTHER THINGS
SNAP


I WAS WORRIED ABOUT DOING THIS ALONE, SO I CALLED EVERYONE TO HELP TAKE CARE OF YOU.
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE CAUSED YOU TROUBLE INSTEAD...
FOR WHAT?
SORRY, TATSUMI...

MMGH!
MMGH!
DON'T BE SUCH A BABY~!

Fish are high in nutrients.
NO NEED.
I WAS THINKING YOU'D FEEL BETTER IF YOU ATE ME...

SQUISH
PYAAH!
SLEEP!
THERE. NOW YOU'RE GOOD!!


YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING ELSE...
IF I...
STAY... STILL...
ZZZ

I HIT SOMETH--
KYUU

NO TO THIS, NO TO THAT.
HE'S STILL JUST A KID.
WOW!
HE'S ALREADY ASLEEP.
ALL THAT'S LEFT TO DO IS WAIT IT OUT, I GUESS

MOVE, YOU GUYS!!
YOU'RE DRYING UP!! OF COURSE YOU ARE!!

GA-CHAK
HUH?
DID EVERY-ONE GO HOME?
.....
Four hours later.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? TAKASU'S MEDICINE REALLY WORKED...
WIDE
I REALLY FEEL GREAT.
AWAKE
JEEZ.
THESE GUYS.
THEY'RE LIKE TIRED-OUT KIDS.

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in My Tub

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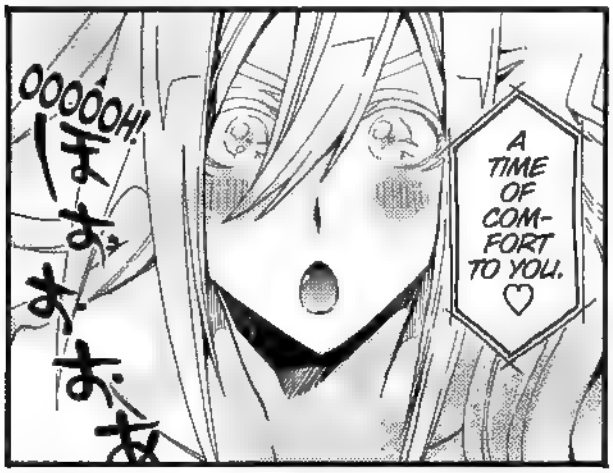
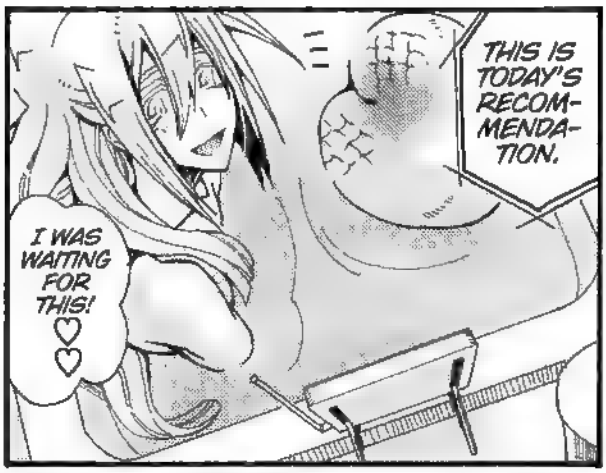

OOOOOH!
A TIME OF COMFORT TO YOU.


THIS IS TODAY'S RECOMMENDATION.
I WAS WAITING FOR THIS!

IS A HAMMOCK EVEN SOMETHING YOU "RIDE"?
SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH
I-- WANT-- TO-- DO-- IT--!
I'M HOME.
TATSUMI!!
I WANT TO RIDE ON A HAMMOCK!!

BLUE SKIES. WHITE CLOUDS.
THE SWAY OF A GENTLE BREEZE.
WHY NOT TAKE AN AFTERNOON NAP WITH THIS?!
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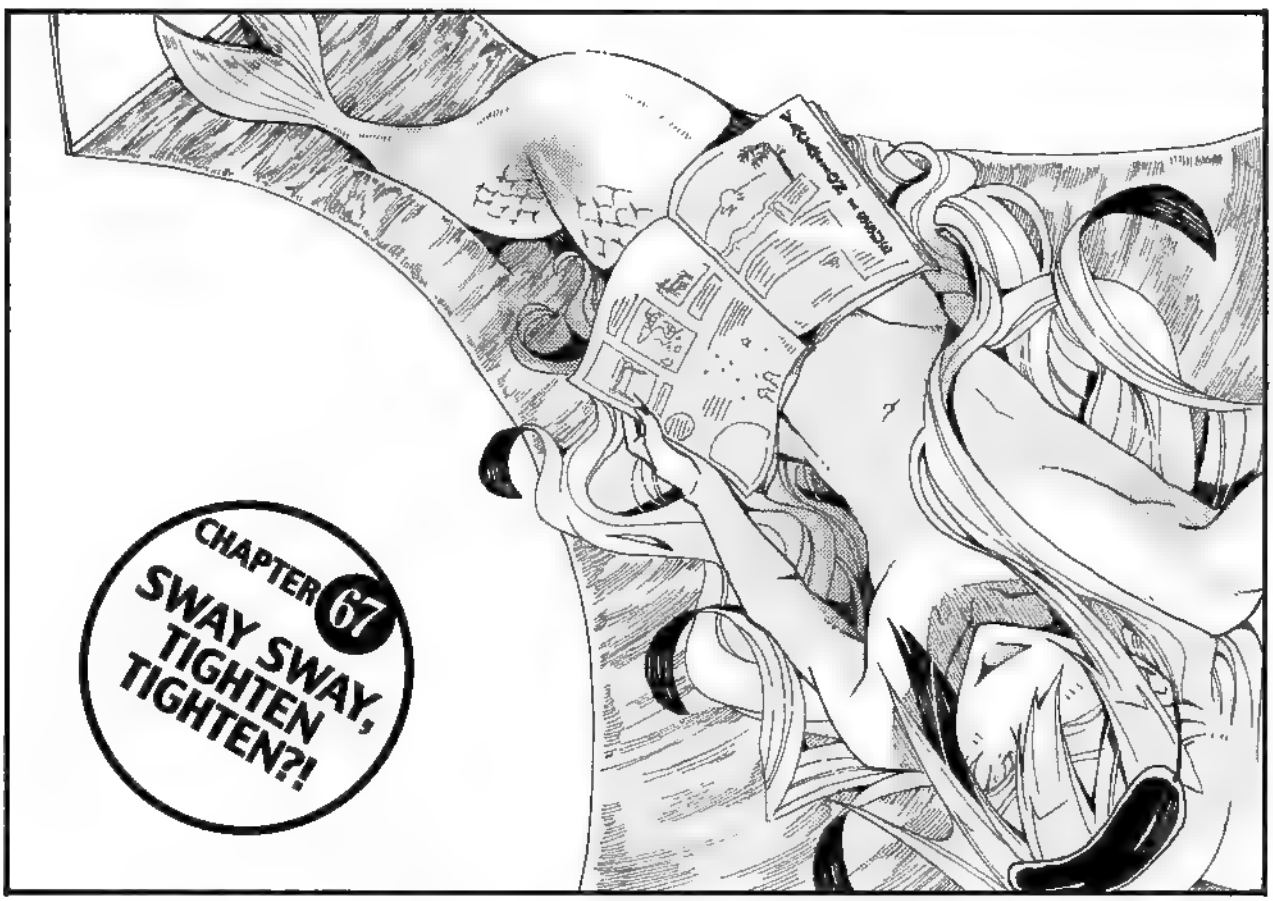
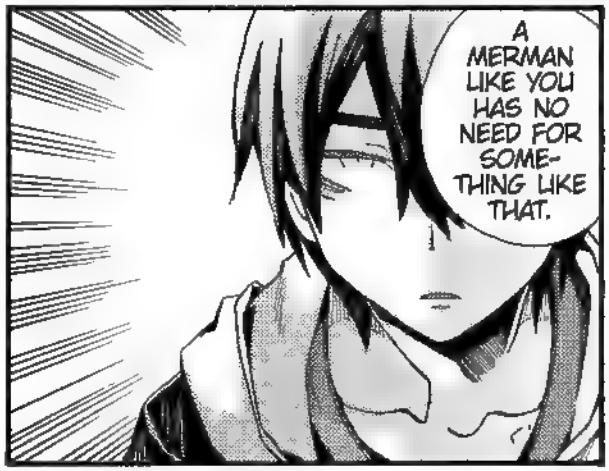

CHAPTER 67
SWAY SWAY, TIGHTEN TIGHTEN?!

HAVE YOU GOTTEN TIRED OF THE TUB?
TH--!
THAT ISN'T IT AT ALL!!

A COMFORTABLE NAP, HUH?
BLAH BLAH BLAH.

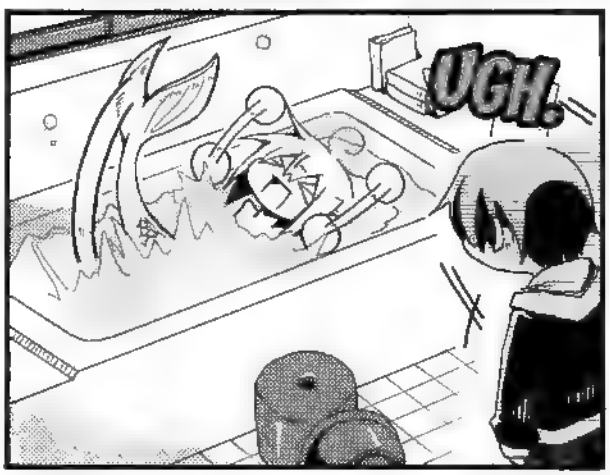
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I CAN'T AGREE TO IT.
.....
IT'S JUST?


A MERMAN LIKE YOU HAS NO NEED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN MY BACK GETS SORE...
JUST A BIT ...
.....
BLUSH

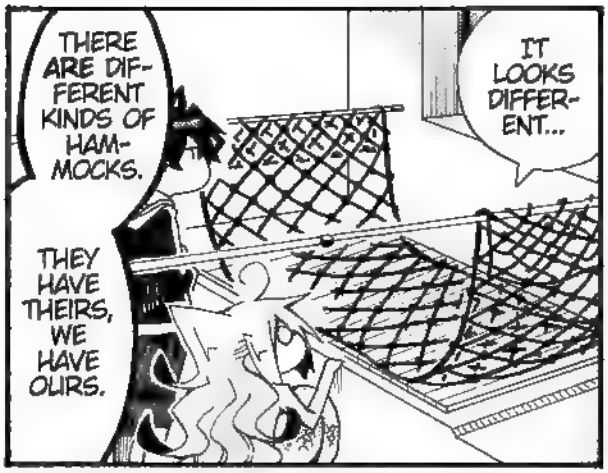
BUT YOU SLEEP ON A FUTON, TATSUMI!!

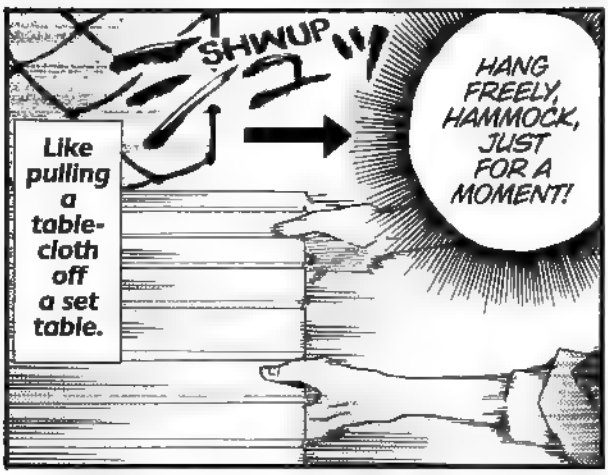
I WANT TO STRETCH OUT MY TAIL SOMETIMES!
THAT'S ALL!
TWINGE...
This tale stirs the loving heart that Tatsumi gets from his Grandpa.


UGH.

HAMMOCK! HAMMOCK! HAMMOCK!
BUT I CAN'T BUY SOME-THING THAT EXPEN-SIVE.
AND I CAN'T SET IT UP, EITHER.
I CAN'T OPEN A HOLE IN THE CEILING.
WHAT WAS GRANDPA DOING WITH THIS?
OBSTACLE COURSE NET...?
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
HM? WHAT IS THIS?
AND THIS?
IT'S DEFINITELY A HAMMOCK.

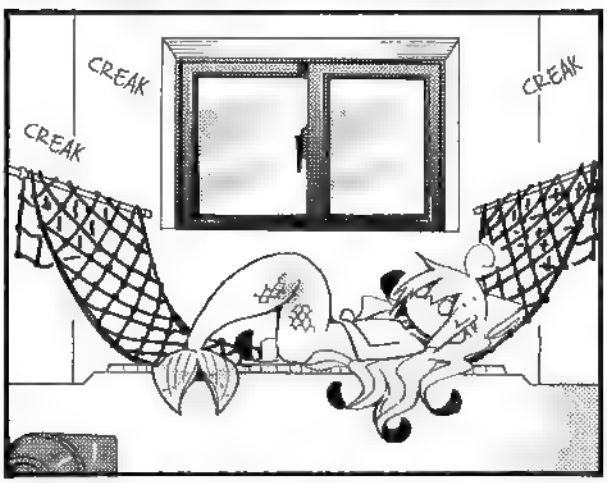
TH... THEN, I'M PULLING IT AWAY?
YOU SURE?
OF COURSE!
OTHERWISE, I CAN'T SWAY ON IT!
THIS IS TOO FORTIFIED


IT LOOKS DIFFERENT...
THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF HAMMOCKS.
THEY HAVE THEIRS, WE HAVE OURS.


SHWUP
HANG FREELY, HAMMOCK, JUST FOR A MOMENT!
Like pulling a tablecloth off a set table.

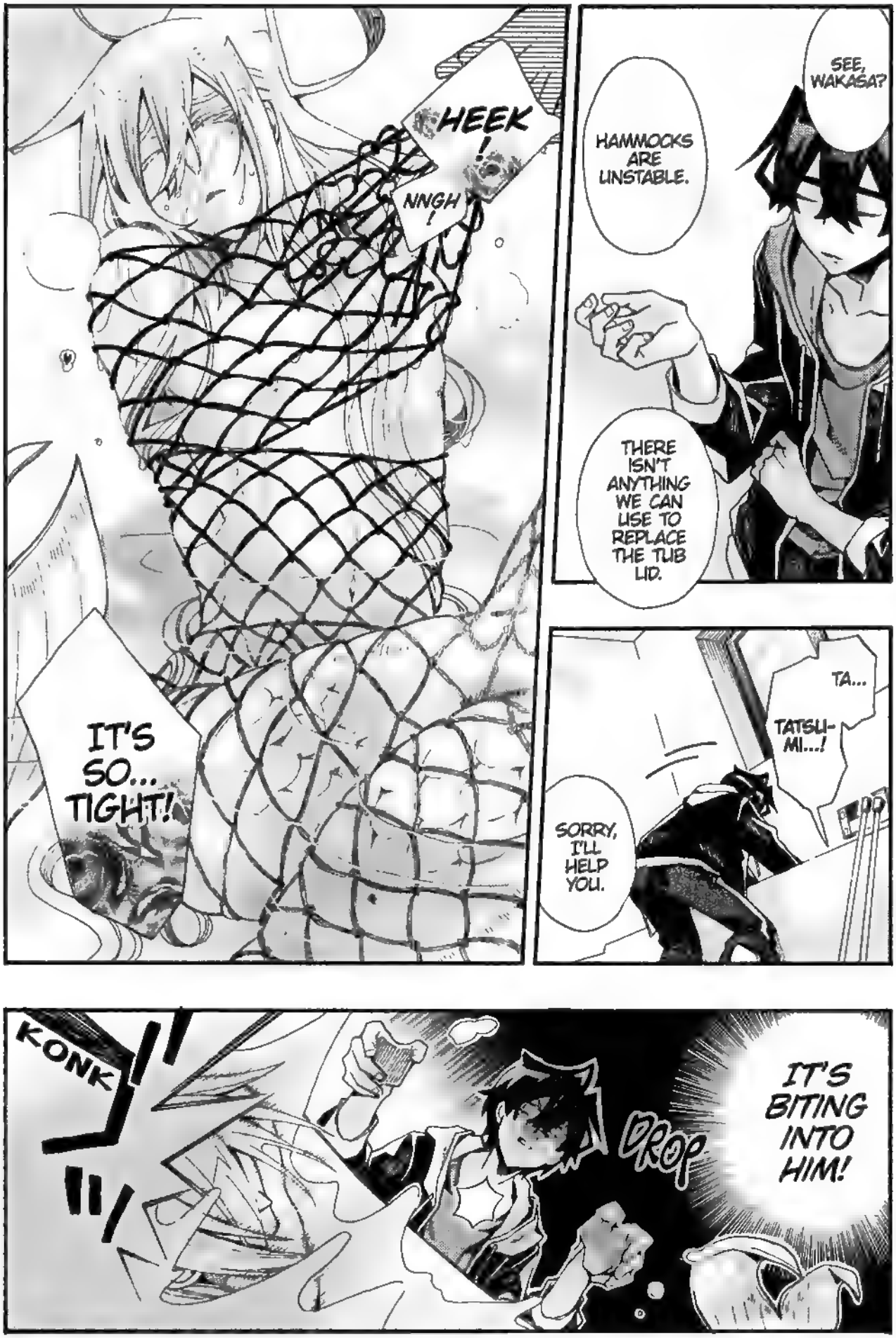
WELL, DON'T HOLD BACK.
Y...
YEAH. THANK YOU, TATSUMI!!
I'LL TAKE THE FIRST TURN!

KER-PLUNK


CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

GLUB GLUB GLUB GLUB GLUB
I THOUGHT SO.
Deep down, he had known that wouldn't work.

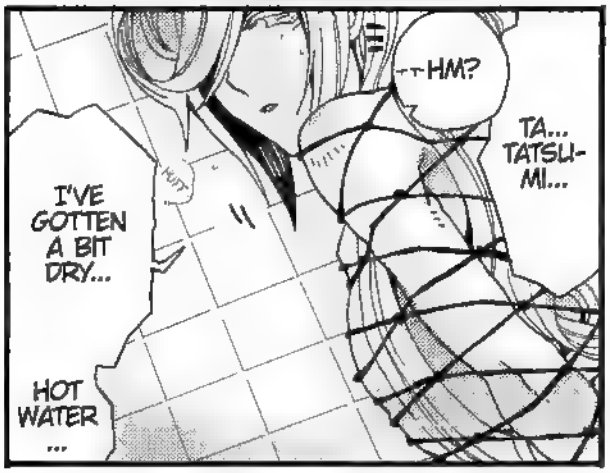
KONK
IT'S HARD
THIS ISN'T RIGHT...
I THOUGHT SO.


HEEK!
NNGH!
IT'S SO... TIGHT!
SEE, WAKASA?
HAMMOCKS ARE UNSTABLE.
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING WE CAN USE TO REPLACE THE TUB LID.
TA...
TATSU-MI...!
SORRY, I'LL HELP YOU.
KONK
DROP
IT'S BITING INTO HIM!

YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN NETS BEFORE?
I'M BAD WITH THESE THINGS!!
WAIT, HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS?!
FLOP
FLOP
S...
SORRY.
THAT SURPRISED ME.
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
GENTLE...
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO UNTIE YOU.
HMM...
GENTLE...
GRAB
OKAY!
BUT HURRY! IT'S... REALLY TIGHT.
STAY STILL.
TIGHTEN
NO!
AH! THAT'S!
PULL
ZWOOP
AHN!
YAAANK
GRRR!
I NEVER IMAGINED I'D BE NET FISHING IN MY HOUSE.
BE MORE GENTLE~!

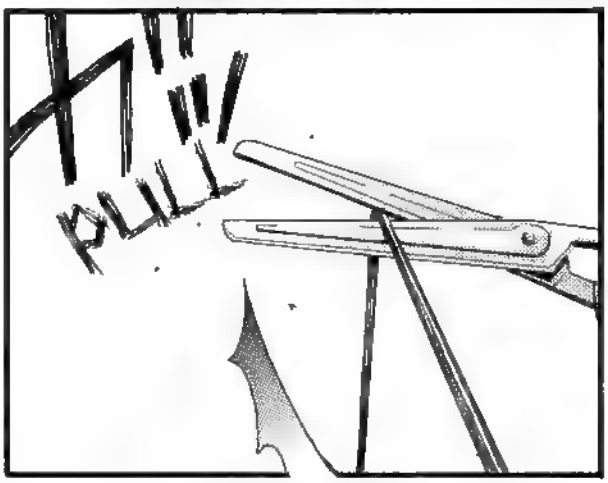
NO, I'LL DIE --!!
GLINT
SHOULD WE JUST USE THIS?

IT'S GOT-TEN...
TIGHTEN
GASP!
TIGHT-ER...!
TIGHTEN
SORRY, I'LL BRING SOME SCISSORS.


HM?
TA... TATSU-MI...
HUFF
I'VE GOTTEN A BIT DRY...
HOT WATER ...

HUFF
I ONLY HAVE THE ONES I HAD IN KINDER-GARTEN.
OH, THOSE ARE CUTE SCISSORS.
LADY BUGS?
HUFF

SPLOSH
I FEEL LIKE I'M STEWING FISH.


PLLL!!!

Like how you set shoe-laces so they don't unravel easily.
AHN!
THE ROPES FEEL STRON-GER!

SO SCARY..
SHK
SHK
SHK
SHK
NOT ONLY ARE THE SCISSORS DULL, BUT HIS HAIR AND SCALES ARE IN THE WAY...
UHEEEEK!

WILL I BE LIKE THIS FOREVER --?!
TIGHTEN
TIGHTEN
HEY, TATSUMI --!!

DO I HAVE NO CHOICE, BUT TO BUY A CUTTER?
I NEVER USE THOSE...
WELL...
IT WOULD BE PRETTY BORING IF YOU WERE LIKE THAT FOR THE REST OF THE SERIES.

HM?
WHOSE VOICE IS THAT?
YOU WANT SCISSORS?
SHONK SHONK
IF WE ONLY HAD SHARPER SCISSORS--

DRAMATIC ENTRANCE!
THEN...
SHOULD I LEND YOU MINE?

Merman
in My Tub

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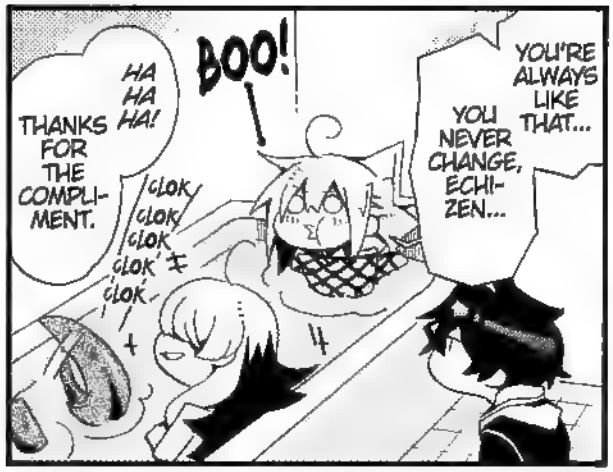
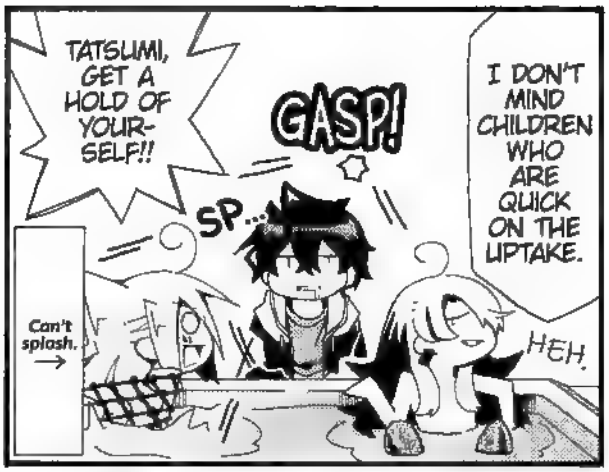
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME OVER TO PLAY...!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE CLUMSY AND STUPID BEFORE..
BUT NOW I'M SURE OF IT.
YOU LOOK SO PATHETIC, WAKASA.
CHAPTER 68
ECHIZEN APPEARS
ECHIZEN ...!!

HUMAN-KUN.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
HE DID A FINISHING POSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WINDOW.

GOOD-NESS...
DID YOU FORGET YOUR MANNERS WHEN YOU ASK SOMEONE FOR SOME-THING?
WAIT, I CAN'T MOVE!! SAVE ME, ECHI-ZEN!!
LONG TIME NO SEE. WHERE WERE YOU?!
TIGHTEN!
YOU HAVE TO REVERE ME.
AND GAZE LONGINGLY AT ME AS YOU BEG FOR FORGIVE-NESS.
AS USUAL, YOU SAY SO MANY COMPLICATED THINGS I DON'T UNDER-STAND...!!
YOU HAVE TO GET ON YOUR KNEES AND CRY.
JUST LIKE HIM.
CHUCKLE
RIGHT.
!!!
CRAVING X
LOOKS DELICIOUS.
Loves crab.
CRAB...
CRAB...
TATSUMI ...?!!
"HE LOOKS AS TENSE AS ME FOR SOME REASON"


BOO!
HA HA HA!
THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT.
CLOK CLOK CLOK CLOK CLOK
YOU NEVER CHANGE, ECHIZEN...
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT...


TATSUMI, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
GASP!
SP...
I DON'T MIND CHILDREN WHO ARE QUICK ON THE UPTAKE.
Can't splash. →
HEH.

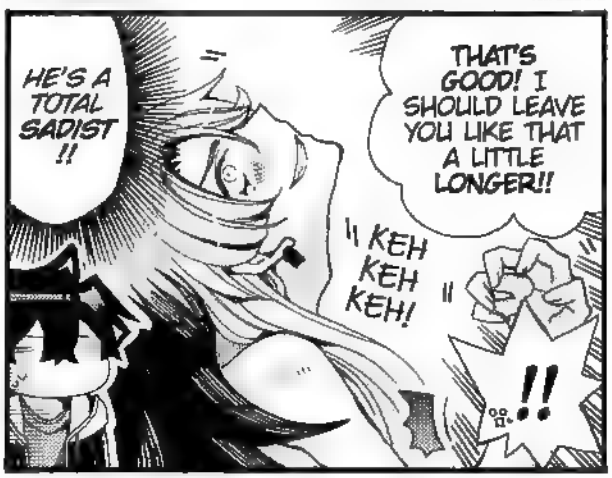
Get!
I THINK CRABS USE THEM TO CATCH PREY
CAN THEY REALLY CUT THINGS?
I DON'T THINK A CRAB'S CLAWS ARE FOR CUTTING...
LA LA LA LA LA~!
OR TO CARRY THINGS

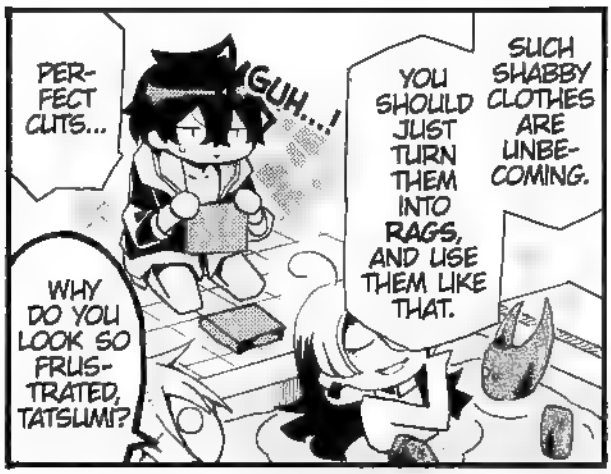
SHONK
COME ON.
I'VE COME TO SAVE YOU FROM THIS TRAP?
UGH...
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, I MAY CHANGE MY MIND.

SILENCE...
HE IGNORED ME?
WHAT IS THIS MACHINE?

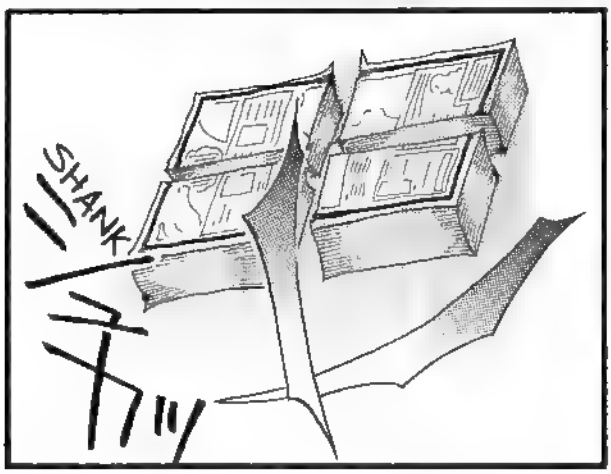
P...
PLEASE, ECHIZEN.
SAVE ME...?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
※ Image map.

Crabs are sensitive to sound vibrations.
HM?
WHAT IS IT?
TATSUMI.
HE HAS REALLY BAD HEARING, SO SPEAK UP!
PFFF!
TAP

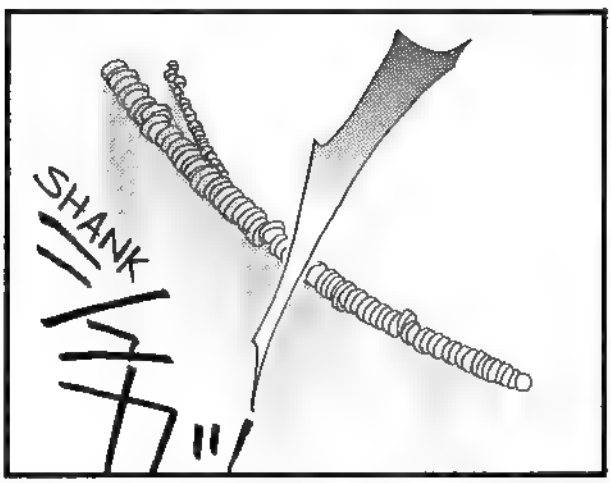

HE'S A TOTAL SADIST !!
THAT'S GOOD! I SHOULD LEAVE YOU LIKE THAT A LITTLE LONGER!!
KEH KEH KEH!
!!


PERFECT CUTS...
GUH...!
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO FRUSTRATED, TATSUMI?
YOU SHOULD JUST TURN THEM INTO RAGS, AND USE THEM LIKE THAT.
SUCH SHABBY CLOTHES ARE UNBECOMING.

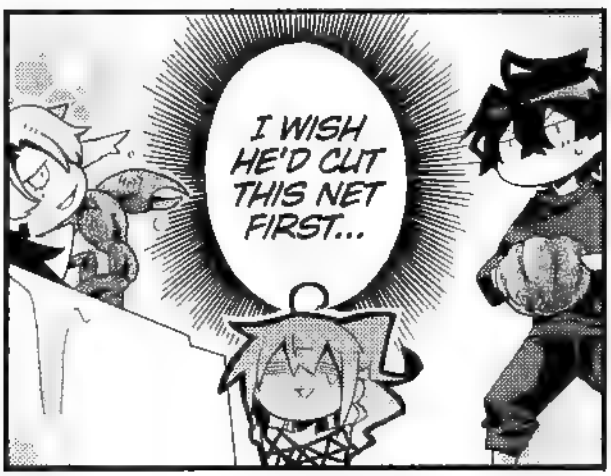
YOU DON'T THINK I CAN CUT HIM LOOSE?


SHANK

I DIDN'T SAY THAT...
SHANK


SHANK

PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, BUT...
MY SCISSORS ARE MADE TO CUT.


I WISH HE'D CUT THIS NET FIRST...

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
He can cut very well.
TATSUMI! COVER UP!
MY $40 CASUAL CLOTHES ...!

COME ON.
NOW THAT YOU KNOW, LET'S GO HOME, WAKASA.
PULL
HUH ?!

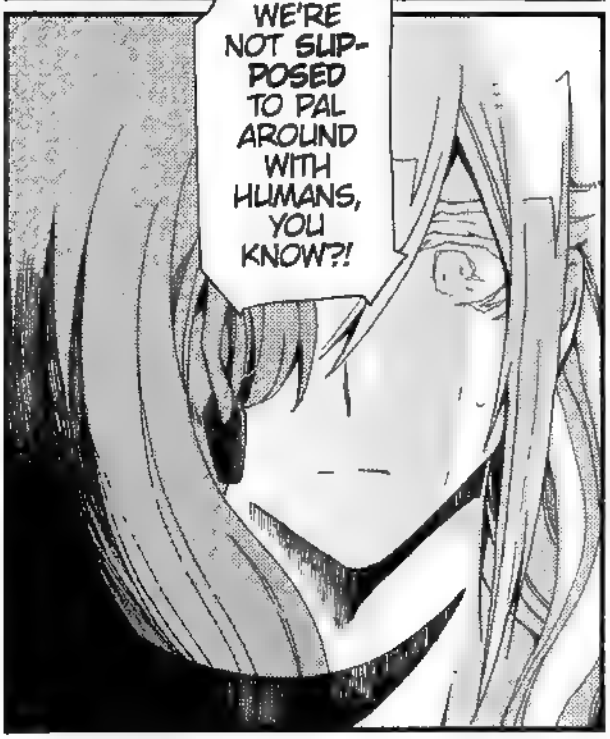
I'LL GET US SOME TEA.
WELL, THEN.

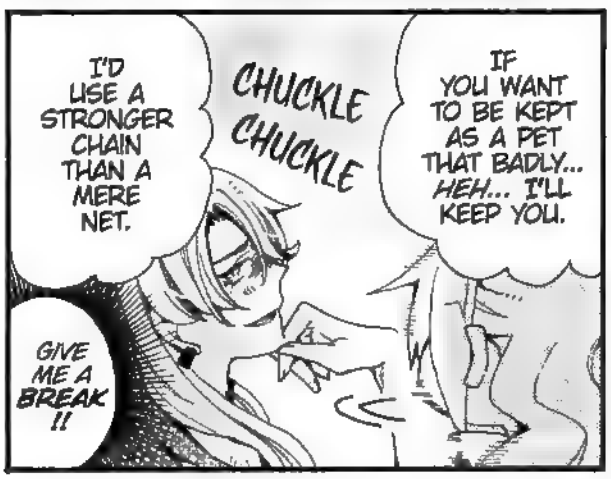
WH... WHY CAN'T I STAY HERE?!
HM?

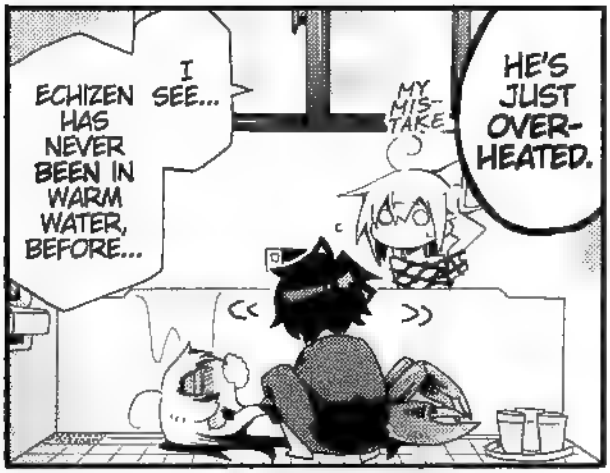
WAKA-SA.
THE REASON I CAME HERE.
YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
ER...

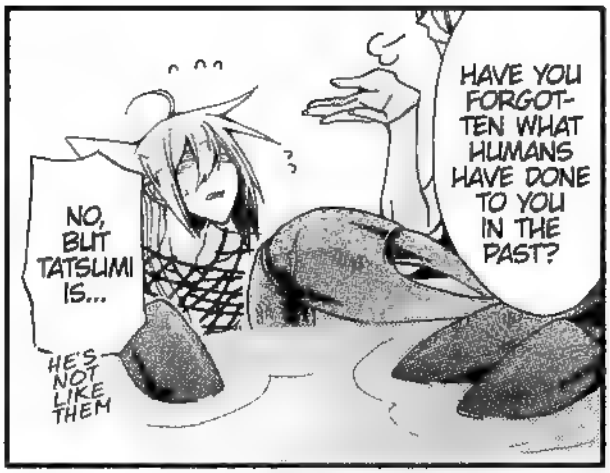
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT ...
THIS IS HUMAN TERRI-TORY.
WE DON'T BELONG HERE.

HEY.


WE'RE NOT SUP-POSED TO PAL AROUND WITH HUMANS, YOU KNOW?!


I'D USE A STRONGER CHAIN THAN A MERE NET.
CHUCKLE CHUCKLE
IF YOU WANT TO BE KEPT AS A PET THAT BADLY... HEH... I'LL KEEP YOU.
GIVE ME A BREAK !!


HE'S JUST OVER-HEATED.
MY MIS-TAKE.
I SEE...
ECHIZEN HAS NEVER BEEN IN WARM WATER, BEFORE...


HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN WHAT HUMANS HAVE DONE TO YOU IN THE PAST?
NO, BUT TATSUMI IS...
HE'S NOT LIKE THEM

YOU WERE IN IT TOO LONG.
HEY, HURRY UP AND DRINK SOME WATER.
N... NO WAY... I DON'T WANT FRESH WATER THAT LACKS CALCIUM...
SO PICKY!

?!
ECHI-ZEN ?!!
FROTH
FROTH
FROTH
FROTH
FROTH

GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF...
DROP
WAFT

?!
WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
BAM
TA... TATSU-MI.
WHAT SHOULD I DO... ECHIZEN IS GOING TO DIE?!!
TWITCH
TWITCH

DELICIOUS AROMA...
SMELL OF CRAB...
GULP

Crabs will froth and pass out from oxygen defi-ciency.
HE GOT BOILED FROM THE WATER!!
!

I...
!!!
HM?
LIES!
I WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING... LIKE THAT.
N... NO...
RISE
TATSUMI ALMOST ATE YOU, ECHIZEN!!
THANK GOODNESS, YOU'RE ALIVE!!
HE'S YOUR FRIEND, ISN'T HE?
I WOULDN'T EAT HIM EVEN IF HE WAS OFFERED TO ME
YOU'D EAT HIM IF HE WASN'T MY FRIEND?!
NO, BUT THAT BOTTOM PART OF HIM IS TASTY-LOOKING!

I STILL HAVEN'T ...
ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT YOU'RE LIVING WITH A HUMAN CHILD HERE.
!
SNIP
BUT IT SEEMS...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS EVEN I CAN'T CUT.
LIKE BONDS BETWEEN PEOPLE.
The smell of crab lingered all day...
AROMA
THERE'S GOOD IN HIM
HE NEVER SHOWS THAT SIDE OF HIMSELF.
STRETCH
THOSE... WERE SOME NICE PARTING WORDS.

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in My Tub

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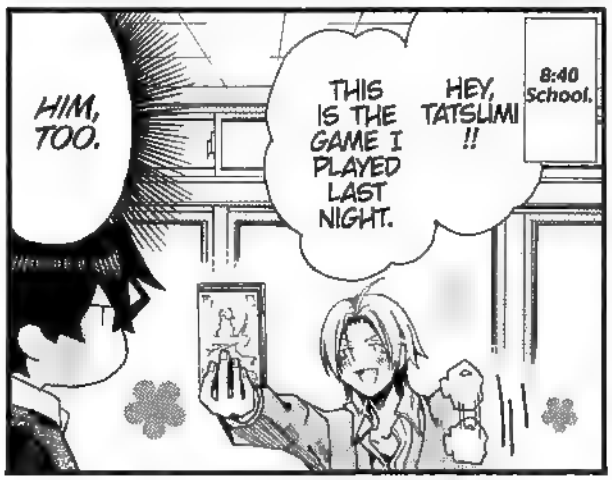

CHAPTER 69
TATSUMI'S DAY, WAKASA'S DAY

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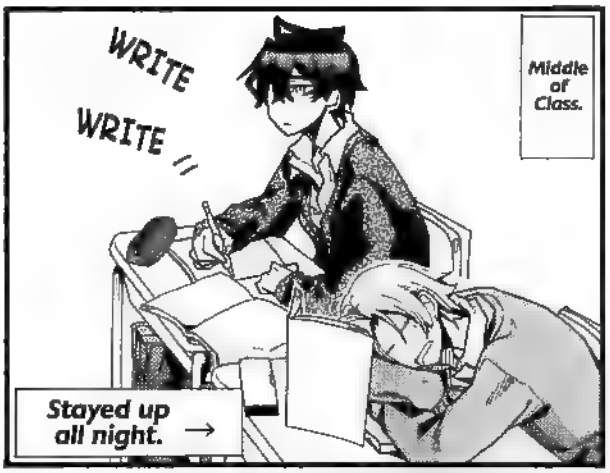
3rd Hour.


WRITE
WRITE
Middle of Class.
Stayed up all night. →

EAT YOUR OWN LUNCH
TRADE SOME OF THAT WITH ME!
Lunch.

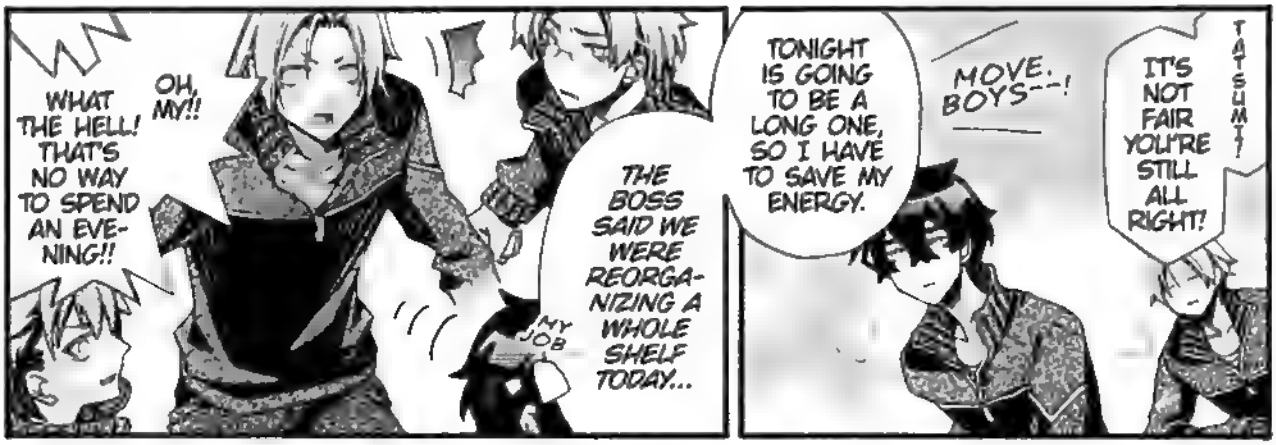
N = 4!!
HEY, WHAT IS THE ANSWER FOR N?
n=4

わーーーっ
WOO!
After-noon Break.

TATSUMI!! THANKS FOR EARLIER!
A THANK-YOU GIFT!!

WHY ARE YOU ALL ACT-ING LIKE HALF-TIME ALREADY STARTED ?!!
DRAINED
5th Hour.
LET'S PLAY SOME SOC-CER!!
TEACHER

Was in his sleeve.
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
THANKS.
Break After 2nd Hour.

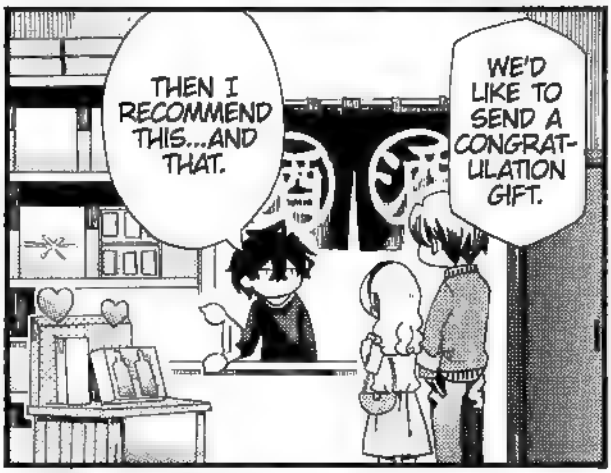

TATSUMI!
IT'S NOT FAIR YOU'RE STILL ALL RIGHT!
MOVE, BOYS--!
TONIGHT IS GOING TO BE A LONG ONE, SO I HAVE TO SAVE MY ENERGY.
THE BOSS SAID WE WERE REORGANIZING A WHOLE SHELF TODAY...
MY JOB
OH, MY!!
WHAT THE HELL! THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING!!

YEAH
ぉ---っ!!
GO FORTH, GUYS --!!
HEY!
HIS LACK OF ENJOYMENT OF REAL LIFE IS UNFORGIVABLE!!
STO...
TICKLE
TICKLE

HEY!!
DON'T PLAY AROUND!!
BURIED
JEEZ
THE BOYS ARE JUST LIKE PRESCHOOLERS.

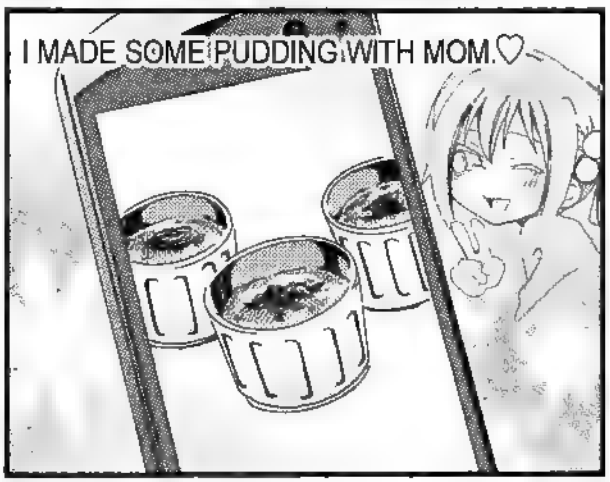
16:00 Part-Time Work.
HEY, TATSU-MI...
TAKE CARE OF THIS, TOO.

After School.
I'M HUNGRY... I WANT TO EAT SOME TAKOYAKI.
WE CAN'T SPEND FRIVO-LOUSLY LIKE THAT.
RIGHT.

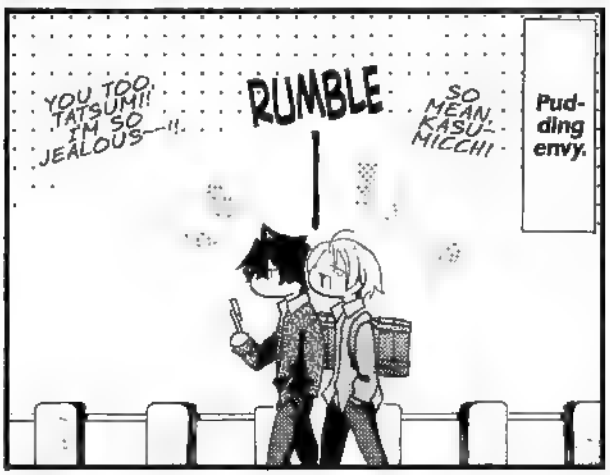

THEN I RECOMMEND THIS...AND THAT.
WE'D LIKE TO SEND A CONGRAT-ULATION GIFT.

PIROPIRO
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SPENT ALL MY CASHON GAMES
HM?
AN E-MAIL.
ARGH

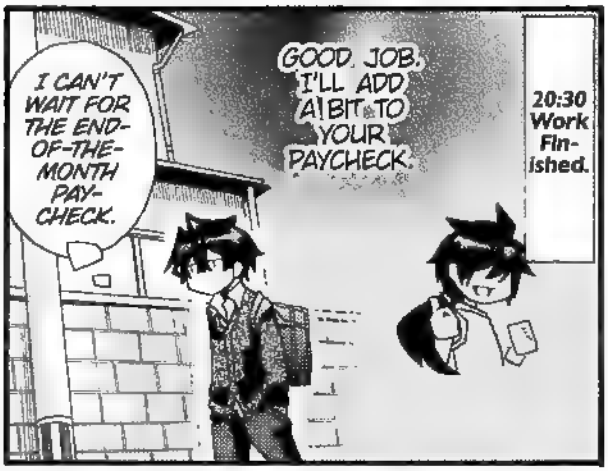
CONK
GOOD JOB!!
HERE, DRINK THIS.


I MADE SOME PUDDING WITH MOM.♡

AH HA HA!
I'M UNDER-AGED.
IS THAT RIGHT?
DETAILS!


Pud-ding envy.
RUMBLE
YOU TOO, TATSUMI! I'M SO JEALOUS—!!
SO MEAN, KASU-MICCHI

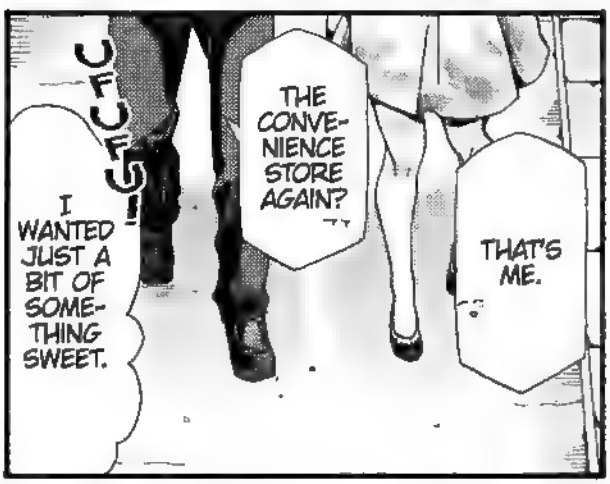
IT'S DANGER-OUS TO WALK AROUND SO LATE.
HUH --?
I'M CLOSE, SO IT'LL BE FINE.
DON'T WORRY, TATSUMI-KUN


20:30 Work Fin-ished.
GOOD JOB. I'LL ADD A BIT TO YOUR PAYCHECK.
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE END-OF-THE-MONTH PAY-CHECK.

BUT MAYBE I DID BUY A BIT TOO MUCH.
STARE
I'LL GET FAT
STARE
BEWARE OF PERVERTS

KURA-YAMA-SAN.
COMING HOME FROM WORK?
OH, TATSUMI-KUN.
TERO-
RIRO-
RIRO-

WAIT
HERE...
TATSUMI-KUN!!


UFUFU!
I WANTED JUST A BIT OF SOME-THING SWEET.
THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE AGAIN?
THAT'S ME.

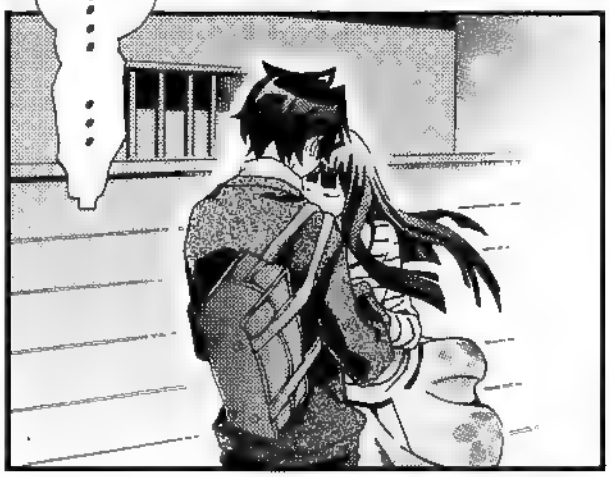
WILL YOU EAT THESE FOR ME?!
I'LL HOLD BACK AND JUST EAT ONE!

JUST A BIT?
FULL
A woman's "just a bit" is a laid-back term.

AND THAT WAS A NORMAL DAY FOR ME.
WHY DID YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
HOW NICE. IT SOUNDS FUN!

Another View.
OH! FOUND TATSUMI.
HEY

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HUH? ME?
WELL, I--
SEE YOU LATER!



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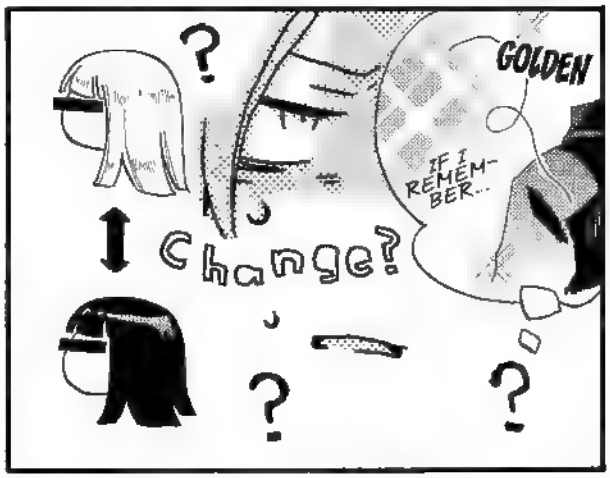
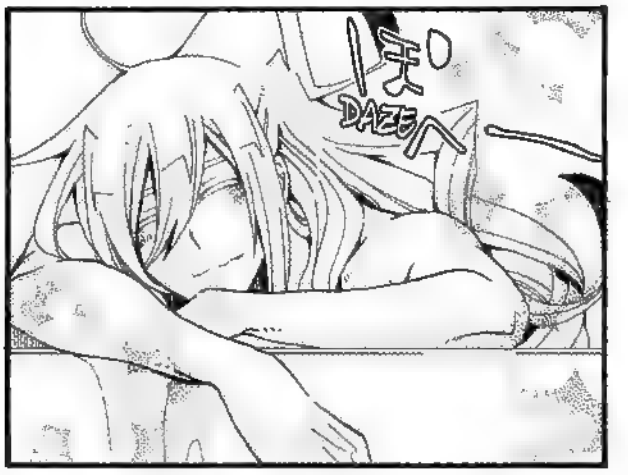

GOLDEN
IF I REMEMBER...
Change?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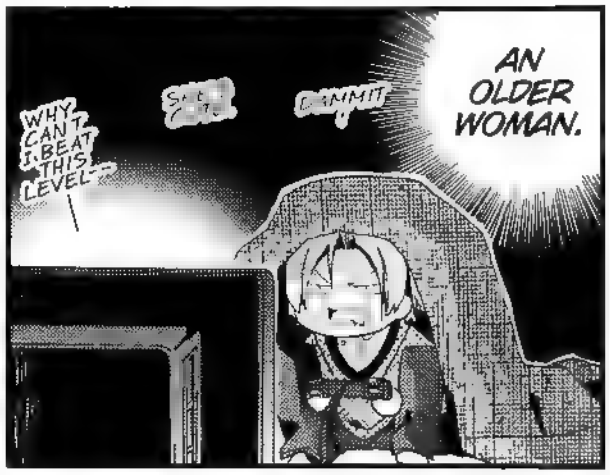
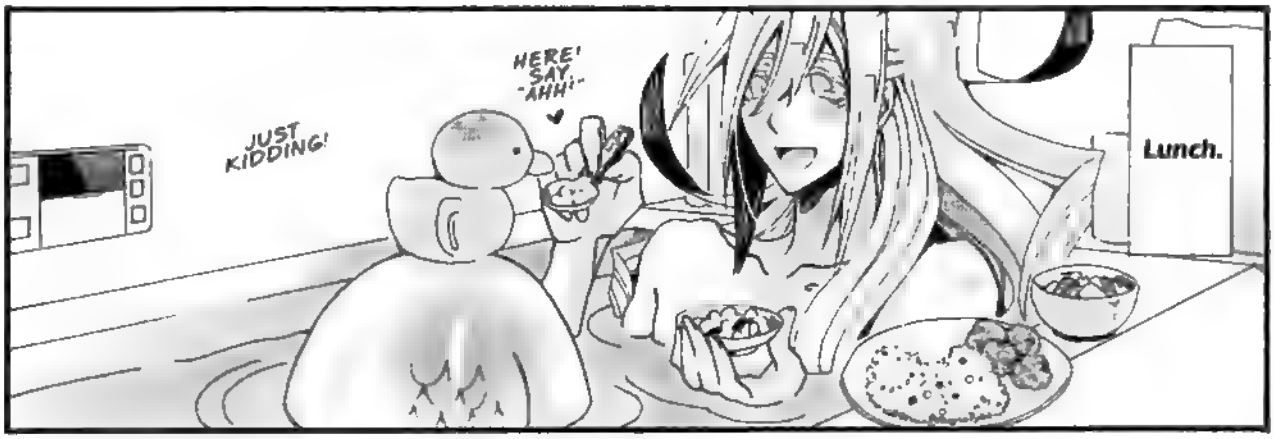
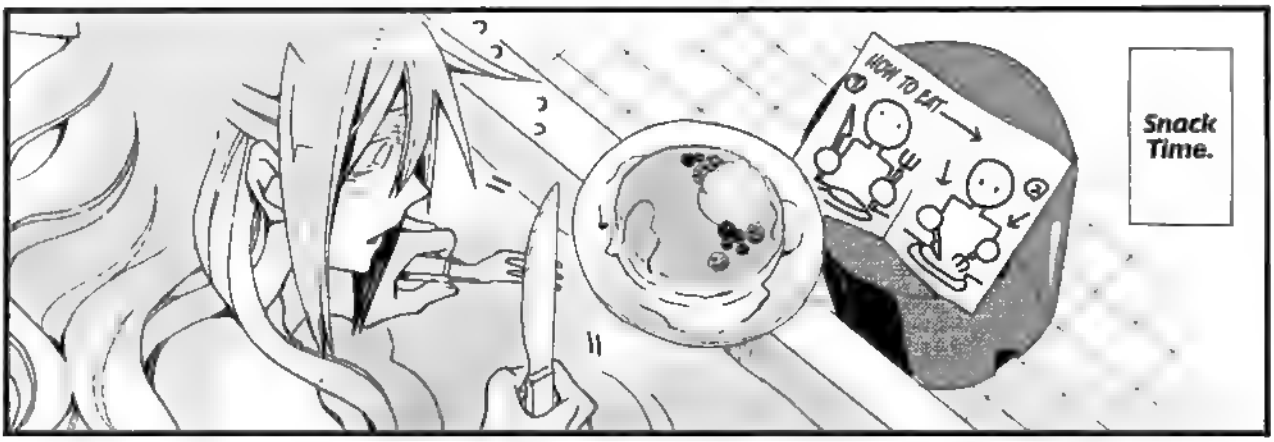
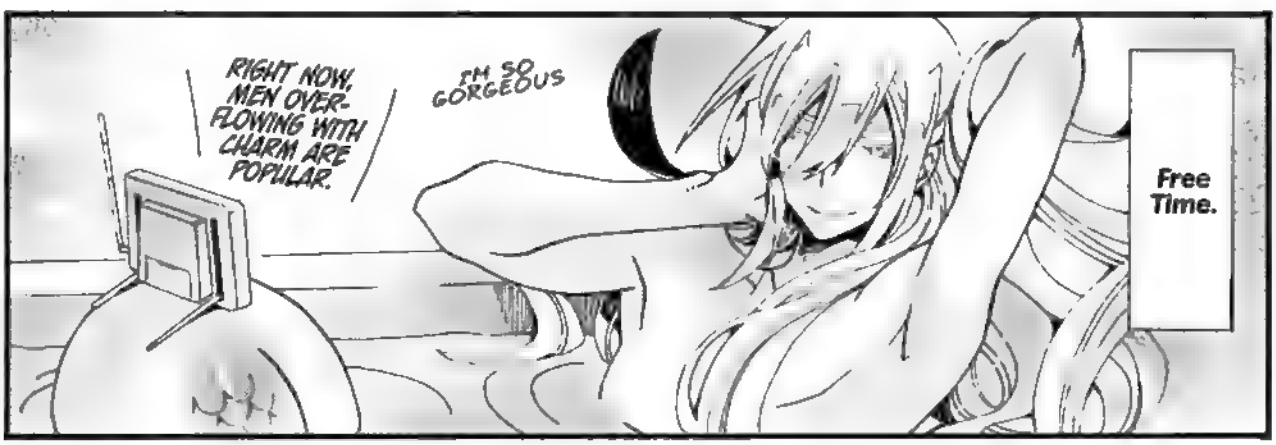

AN OLDER WOMAN.
DAMMIT
WHY CAN'T I BEAT THIS LEVEL--?

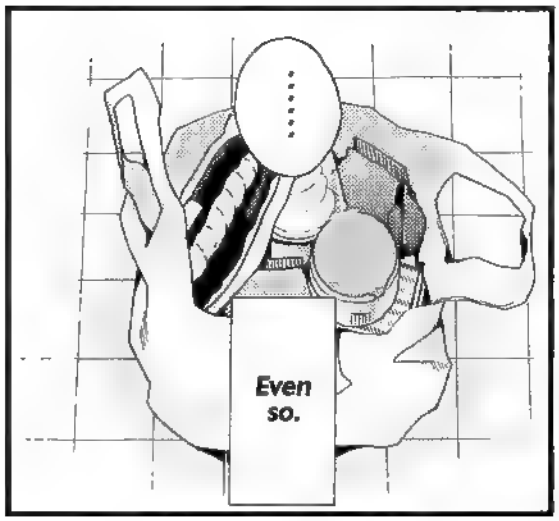

HERE! SAY -AHH!-
JUST KIDDING!
Lunch.

Nap.


HOW TO EAT
Snack Time.


RIGHT NOW, MEN OVER-FLOWING WITH CHARM ARE POPULAR.
I'M SO GORGEOUS
Free Time.

TODAY, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY VISITORS...!
NORMALLY, SOMEONE COMES TO VISIT.
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING TODAY ...!
H... HUH?


.....
Even so.

HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, HUH?
I'M JEALOUS.
IT'S A SECRET. FU FU!

SCHOOL...
WORK...
they are old enough to realize they wouldn't want that.
If you asked them to switch places,
BATH...
MERMAN...

Merman
in My Tub

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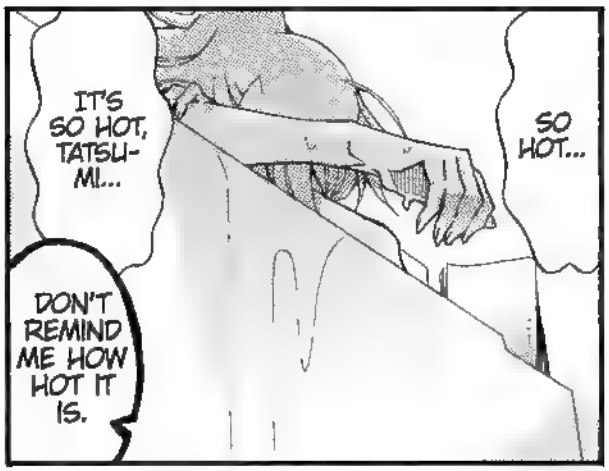
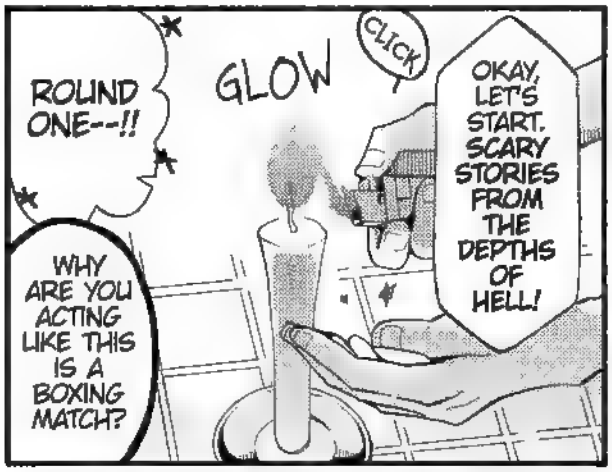


SHAVED ICE...
IT'S A PAIN, I ONLY HAVE A HAND-CRANKED ONE
LIKE SHAVED ICE OR MORE SHAVED ICE
SOMETHING... THAT WILL COOL US DOWN...
SPLISH
SPLISH

CHAPTER 70
A COOLING OFF BATTLE IN MY TUB?!

TATSUMI, YOU GOT A CANDLE?
I DON'T LIKE SCARY THINGS--!!
YES. YES.
AND SO.
OUR FIRST-EVER GHOST STORY TOURNA-MENT--!
WE'VE COME TO VISIT.
LIAR.
THAT SURPRISED ME, TAKASU.
SNAAP?
GLANCE
HA HA! DON'T TRY TO RUN AWAY!
YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME A STORY WEIRDER THAN MY REAL LIFE WITH YOU GUYS?
YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY
HM... I FEEL LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING.


ROUND ONE--!!
GLOW
CLICK
OKAY, LET'S START. SCARY STORIES FROM THE DEPTHS OF HELL!
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS IS A BOXING MATCH?

SO WE'RE GOING TO RANK THEM?
RIGHT! THE SCARIEST STORY GETS A REWARD!

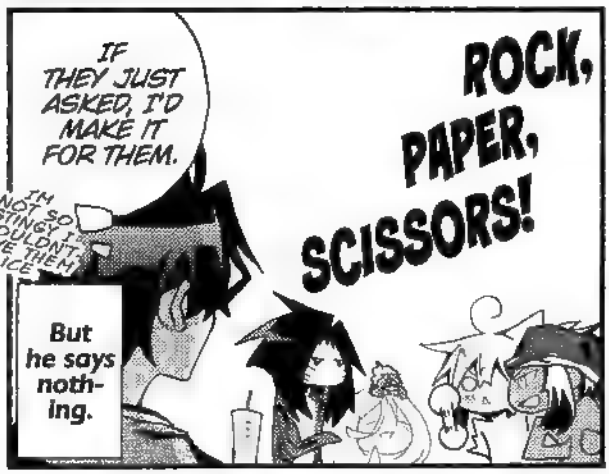
I AM FIRST.
BWOOSH

I WANT CONDENSED MILK ON IT, TOO!
SHAVED ICE--!!
OKAY. TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT.

HEEK!

SO IN THE END, SHAVED ICE.
THAT'S FINE.

But the story-telling lacks some-thing...?
THAT STARTED OUT GREAT
HMM...
WHAT WAS I PLAN-NING TO SAY...?
HUH...
HMM...
HUH ...?


IF THEY JUST ASKED, I'D MAKE IT FOR THEM.
IM NOT SO STINGY I WOULDNT GIVE THEM ICE
ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!
But he says noth-ing.

I... I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY STORIES LIKE THAT...!
SO CLOSE!
HUNH. YOU GOTTA HAVE SOME-THING.
SNAP...
I HEARD THIS SCRATCHING NOISE OUTSIDE OF MY SHELL...
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH
OH... COME TO THINK OF IT, JUST RECENTLY...
SNAP
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE.
URAUK
A RADULA SUDDENLY CUT THROUGH RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES...!!!!
SNAAAP
IT'S A STRONG TONGUE THAT CAN OPEN A HOLE THROUGH SHELLS.
WHAT IS A RAD-ULA?
GYAA!
I WAS SURE I WAS GOING TO DIE...
A story from the depths of shell.
CAR-NIVO-ROUS SHELL-FISH HAVE THEM
WERE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THAT WAS SCARY. BUT IT'S NOT A GHOST STORY
AND THE OTHERS AREN'T GETTING IT, EITHER !!
THE SHADOWS ARE SO DISTRACTING I CAN'T FOLLOW THE STORY.
IT HAP-PENED
AND THEN!

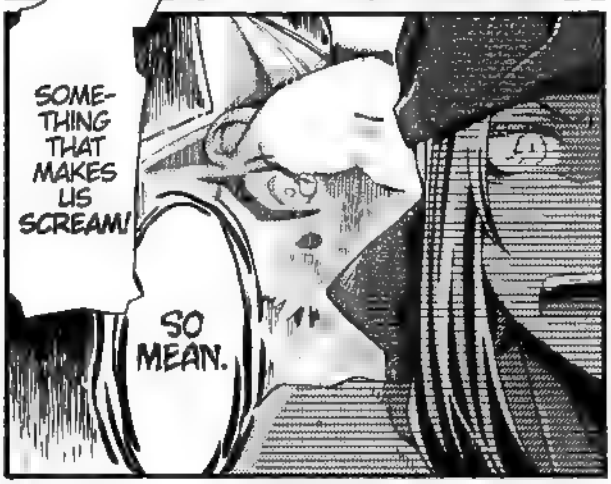
I'M GLAD YOU GOT TO SCREAM.
THERE THERE
WH-WHAT ?!
GORO!! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!!
SHUT UP!!

JEEZ !!
ARGH --!!

DON'T FORGET THAT SHAVED ICE IS ON THE LINE!
WHISPER
LET'S SPLIT IT!!
!
WAKA-SA!
LET'S TELL THEM THAT STORY!
WHISPER

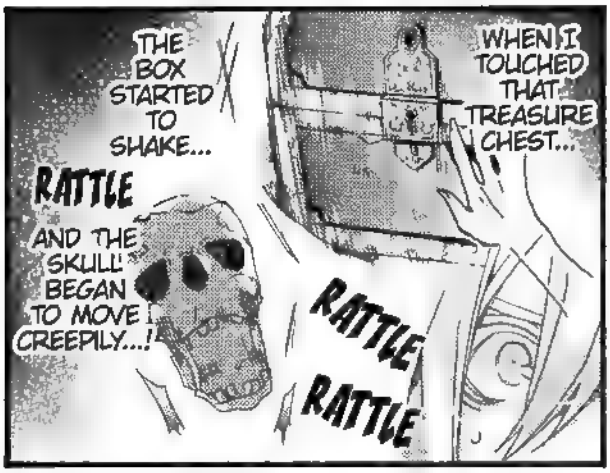
THANK GOODNESS FOR THAT
NONE OF THESE ARE GHOST STORIES AT ALL!!
WE NEED SOME-THING MORE!!

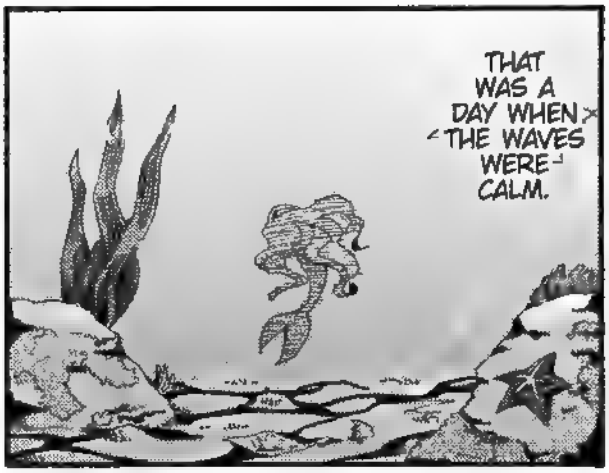
SWAY
KEH KEH KEH...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT DAY...
LISTEN CLOSELY, ALL RIGHT?


SOME-THING THAT MAKES US SCREAM!
SO MEAN.

SHAKE
SHAKE
THEY'RE ACTING CONFI-DENT?
THIS LOOKS PROMISING.
SHIVER
SHIVER
HEH.

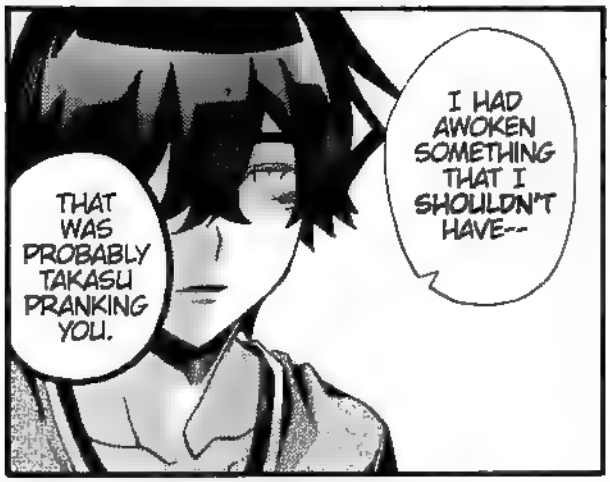
I WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT OUT...
Goro-kun takes the lead!!
GYAAAAA!!
SNIFF SNIFF
OH, GORO-KUN!
PLONK

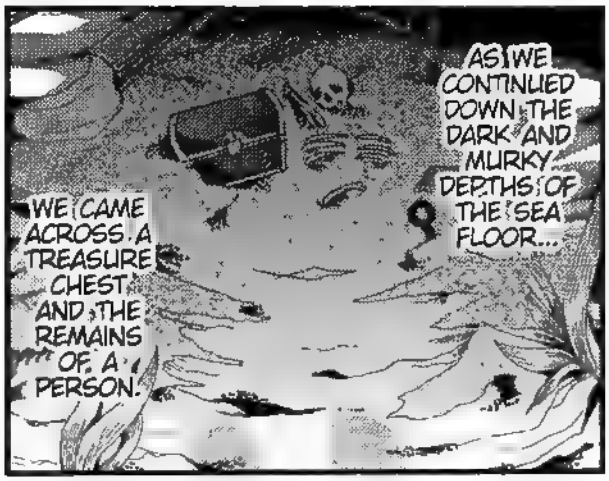

THE BOX STARTED TO SHAKE...
WHEN I TOUCHED THAT TREASURE CHEST...
RATTLE
AND THE SKULL BEGAN TO MOVE CREEPILY...!
RATTLE
RATTLE


THAT WAS A DAY WHEN THE WAVES WERE CALM.

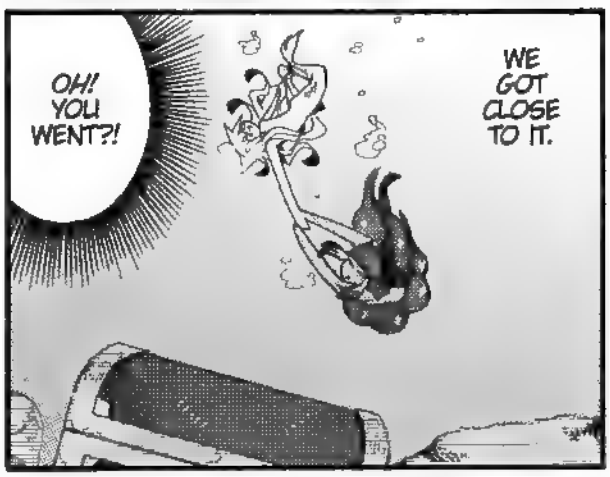
IT FLOATED AROUND TAKASU AND ME...
AS IF TO TELL US TO LEAVE OR BE CURSED!!

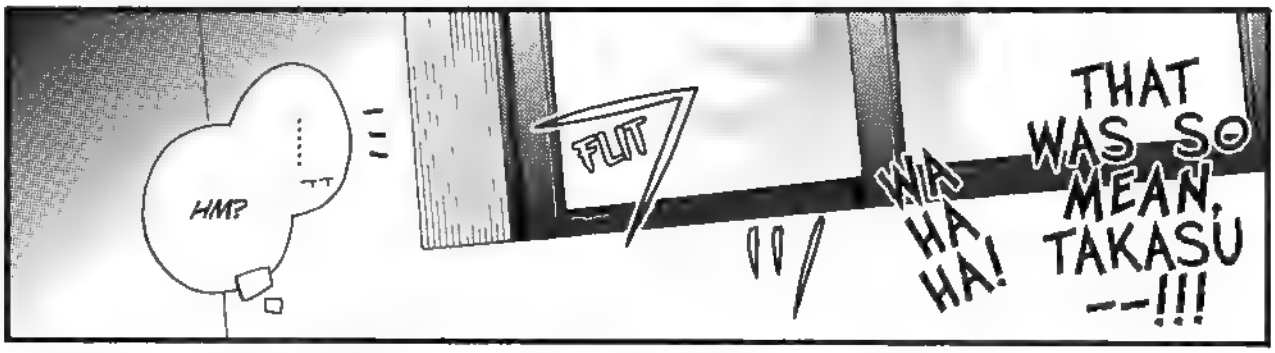
IT'S ILLEGAL TO JUST TAKE THOSE.
FOR HUMANS
TAKASU INVITED ME TO SEARCH FOR TREASURE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.
NOTHING


I HAD AWOKEN SOMETHING THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE--
THAT WAS PROBABLY TAKASU PRANKING YOU.


AS WE CONTINUED DOWN THE DARK AND MURKY DEPTHS OF THE SEA FLOOR...
WE CAME ACROSS A TREASURE CHEST AND THE REMAINS OF A PERSON.

HUH?! IS THAT TRUE?!
HUH?! HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
SHAKE
SH...


OH! YOU WENT?!
WE GOT CLOSE TO IT.


HM?
FLIT
WA HA HA!
THAT WAS SO MEAN, TAKASU --!!!

WHAT'S WRONG, TATSUMI?
HM?
NOTH-ING.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

STARE

FREEZE
I THOUGHT I JUST SAW SOMEONE'S SHADOW.
PROBABLY JUST MY EYES PLAYING TRICKS

FADE
WELL, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN HERE.
DID YOU KNOW, AT THIS HOUSE...
SHAKE
YOU WON'T GAIN ANY-THING FROM KILLING ME...!
KER-PLUNK
IT IS SO DARK~!
THAT'S A BAD SIGN!!
SNAAAP
CALM DOWN. THE CANDLE JUST WENT OUT.
SHAKE
SPLOSH
SHAKE
SO SCARY --!!
SPLASH!
DID HE GET MAD?!
WHAT ?!
A MAN WHOSE LOWER HALF WAS A CRAB--
SHAKE
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
BEING UNDER-WATER MUST CALM THEM...
CLICK
SHIVER
After this, everyone got some shaved ice.
SWAY
SWAY
WIGGLE
WIGGLE

Merman
in My Tub

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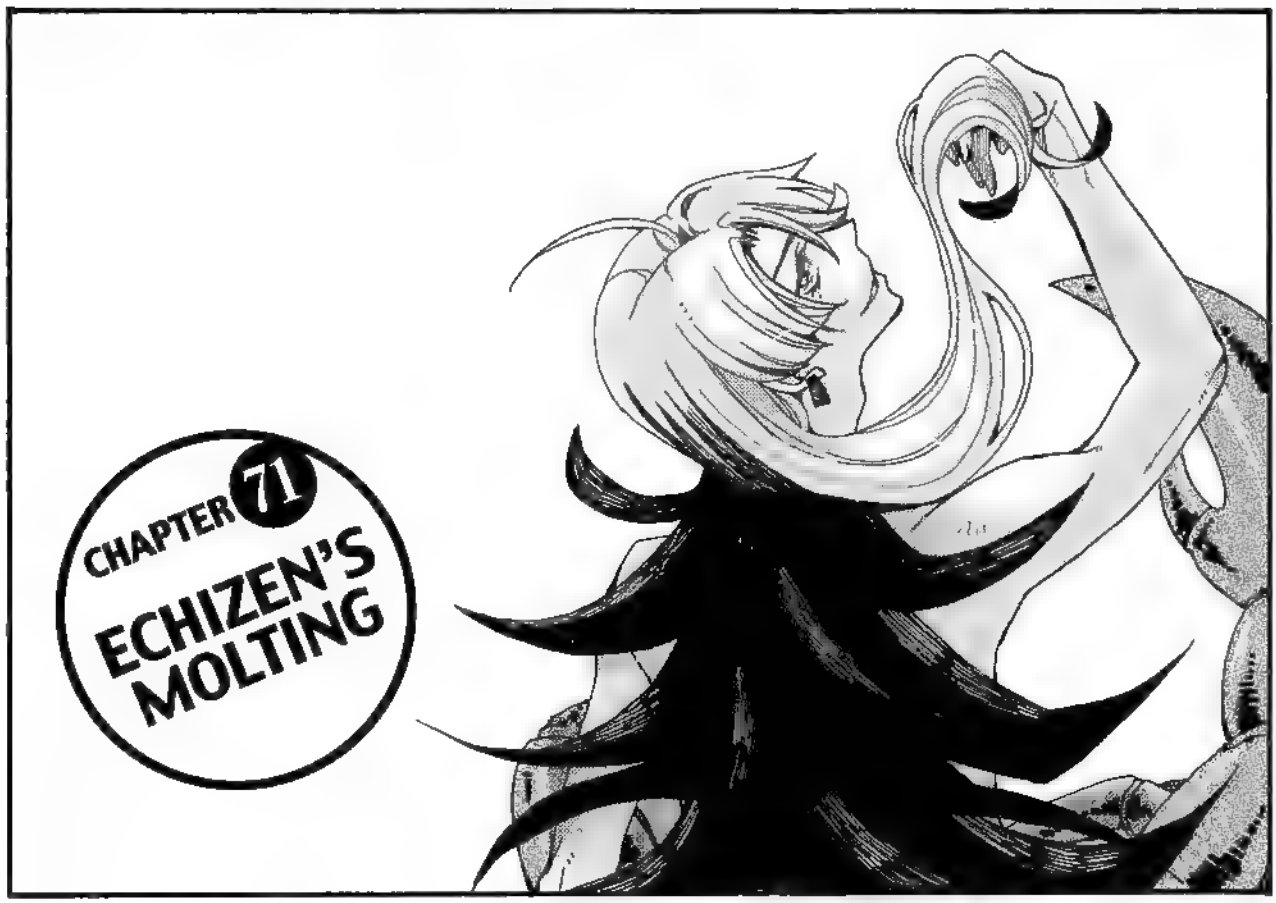
.....
WHAT A WASTE...

THIS IS BAD...
I HAVE TWO CARTONS THAT PASSED THE EXPIRATION DATE BY TWO DAYS.
SUKOYAMA MILK
SUKOYAMA MILK
8/22

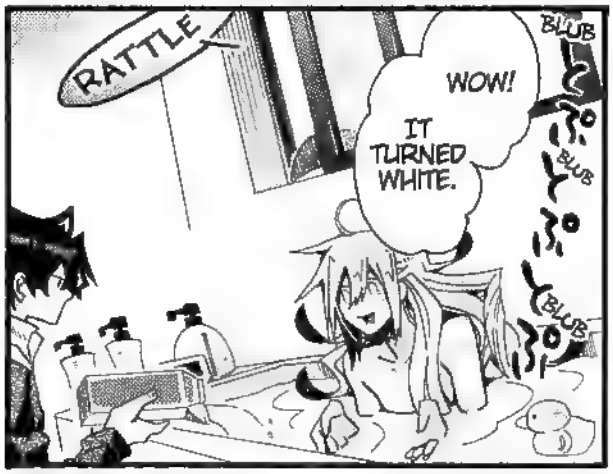
HUH?
HUUH ?!
GA-CHAK
SPLISH!
WAKA-SA.
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A MILK BATH?

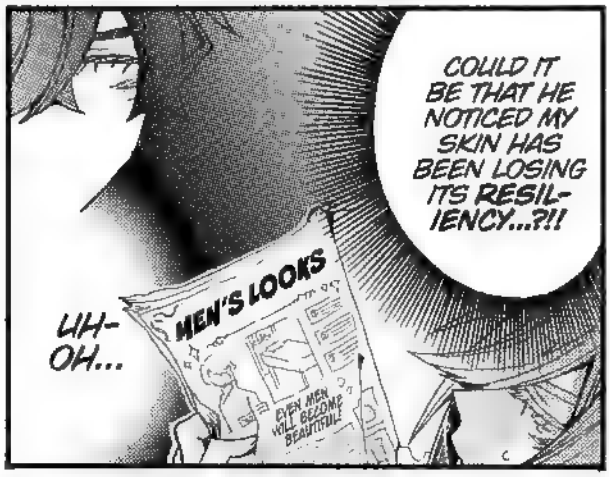
Two brand new cartons. →
WHAT A CARE-LESS MIS-TAKE.
THEY WERE PUSHED TO THE VERY BACK OF THE FRIDGE.


CHAPTER 71
ECHIZEN'S MOLTING

OKAY !!
POP
WELL, IT'LL BE A BIT WATERED DOWN.
SUKOYAMA MILK
SUKOYAMA MILK

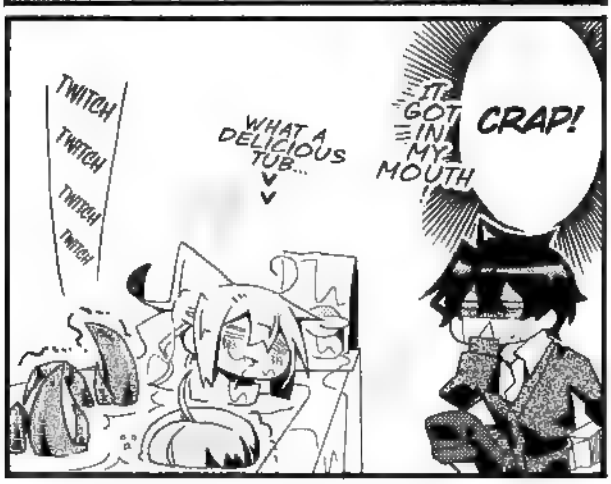
WH... WHAT'S GOING ON...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE TATSUMI OFFERED SOME-THING LIKE THAT...!


RATTLE
WOW! IT TURNED WHITE.
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB

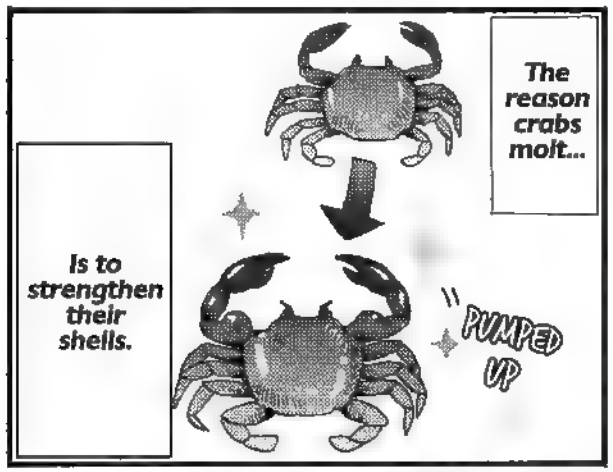

COULD IT BE THAT HE NOTICED MY SKIN HAS BEEN LOSING ITS RESIL-IENCY...?!!
UH-OH...
MEN'S LOOKS
EVEN MEN WILL BECOME BEAUTIFUL!

KER-SPLASH
?!

HE'S ON GUARD...
I THOUGHT HE'D JUMP AT THE CHANCE,
DID HE FIGURE OUT THAT IT'S OLD MILK...?


TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
WHAT A DELICIOUS TUB...
IT GOT IN MY MOUTH!
CRAP!

NO PROB-LEM.
SMILE
TH...
THANKS, TATSUMI.


The reason crabs molt...
Is to strengthen their shells.
PUMPED UP

WAIT, ECHI-ZEN?!
OUCH..
YOU WANT-ED TO SOAK IN A MILK BATH, TOO ?!

SO I ALWAYS PROTECT-ED HIM!
BUT... HE GETS REALLY WEAK RIGHT AFTER MOLTING.

BING!
HMPH!
I JUST CAME TO SEE THAT STUPIDLY PEACEFUL FACE OF YOURS.
DON'T JOKE AROUND.

GYA HEH
HEH HEH!
HE WAS ALMOST ATTACKED, MORE THAN ONCE!
HMPH!

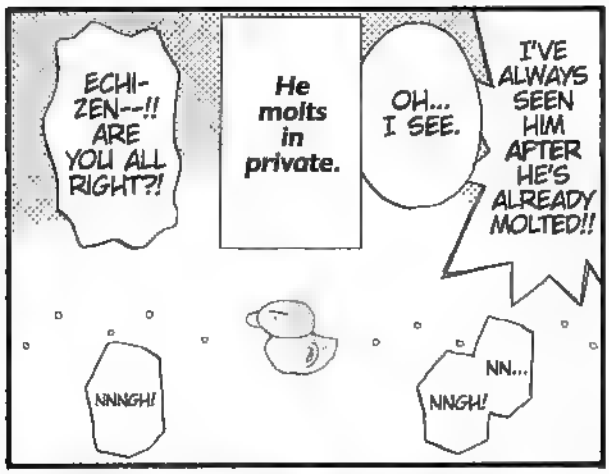
COULD IT BE... ECHI-ZEN...
IS IT TIME FOR YOUR MOLT-ING...?

HE IS VERY PROUD AND STUB-BORN.
I NEVER ASKED YOU TO DO THAT.
YOU'RE SUCH A SIMPLETON.
SIGH...
NO...

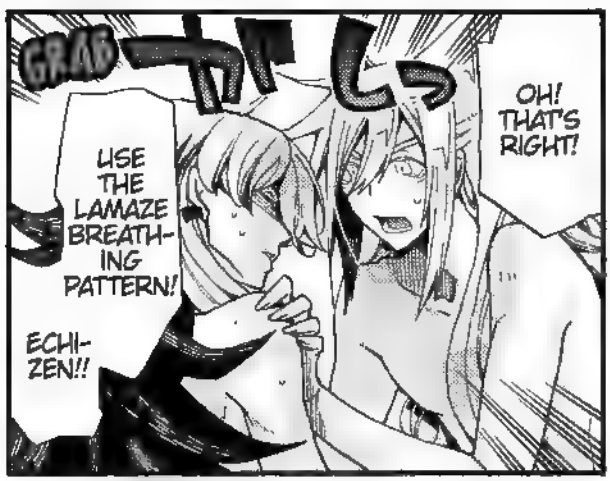
MOLT-ING?!

WHY ARE YOU SO PANICKED?
SHAKE
SHAKE
WH-WH-WH-WHAT SHOULD I-I-I DO?!!
YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS, RIGHT?

HM?
HE WAS THE SHADOW I SAW DURING THE HORROR STORIES...
DID HE COME TO GET HELP FROM WAKASA?


ECHIZEN--!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
He molts in private.
OH... I SEE.
I'VE ALWAYS SEEN HIM AFTER HE'S ALREADY MOLTED!!
NNNGH!
NN...
NNGH!

?!
FALTER
A MERE HUMAN CHILD DARES SPEAK WITH SUCH COCKINESS...
HMPH!
UGH
ECHIZEN?!

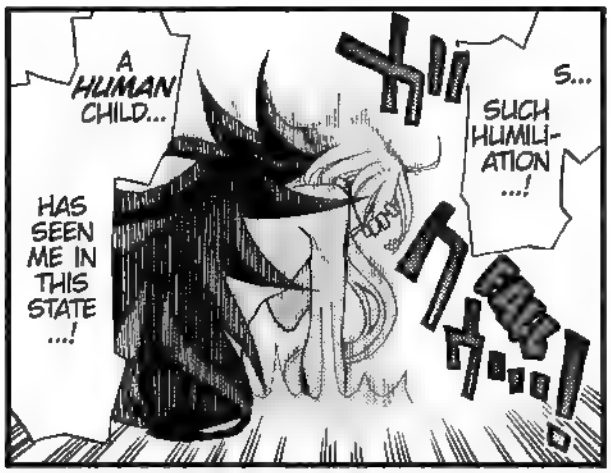

GRAB
OH! THAT'S RIGHT!
USE THE LAMAZE BREATHING PATTERN!
ECHIZEN!!

IT'S...
IT'S HAPPENING...
SHIVER

THAT'S FOR SOMETHING ELSE!!

RIGHT NOW?!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
HUH?! REALLY --?!!

ECHIZEN, DO YOUR BEST...!!
I'M RIGHT BESIDE YOU...!!
SQUEEZE
GOT TOWELS. GOT HOT WATER.
BRING IT ON!
IN- IN- OUT- IN- IN- OUT-
SLAM!
NO, MAYBE IT'S NOT THAT DIFFER-ENT!
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, CRABS MOLT BY SLOWLY BACKING OUT FROM THE END TAIL.
SLIP
OLD
NEW
TOTALLY CURIOUS
KUUUH ...
AH!
WHEEEEW


A HUMAN CHILD...
HAS SEEN ME IN THIS STATE ...!
S...
SUCH HUMILI-ATION ...!
KA
KA
KA...!

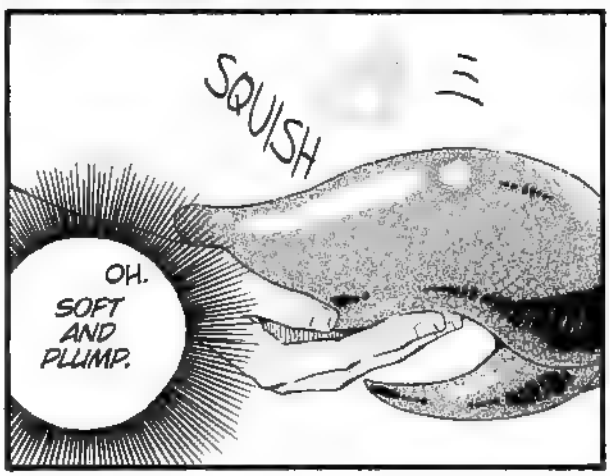
FRET
FRET
WHO WANTS TO DRINK CALCIUM-LACKING FRESH WATER ...
DO YOU WANT TO DRINK SOME WATER?
YOU ALL RIGHT ?
WOBBLE

IT'S OVER?
?
.....
YOU LOOK LIKE A SATISFIED BABY RELAXING IN A TUB

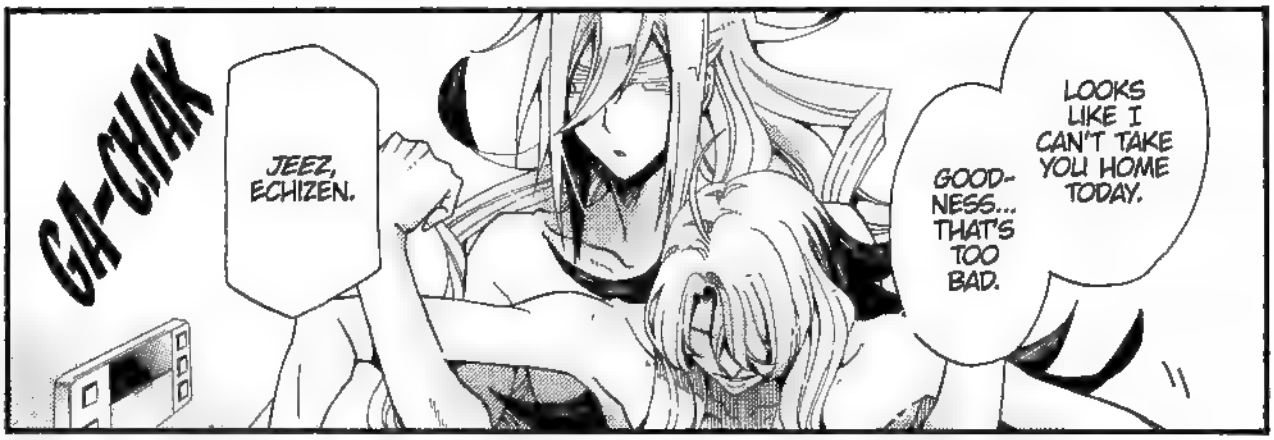
I DON'T WANT FRESH WATER THAT LACKS CALCIUM...
COME TO THINK OF IT, LAST TIME, HE SAID...
FRESH WATER ?

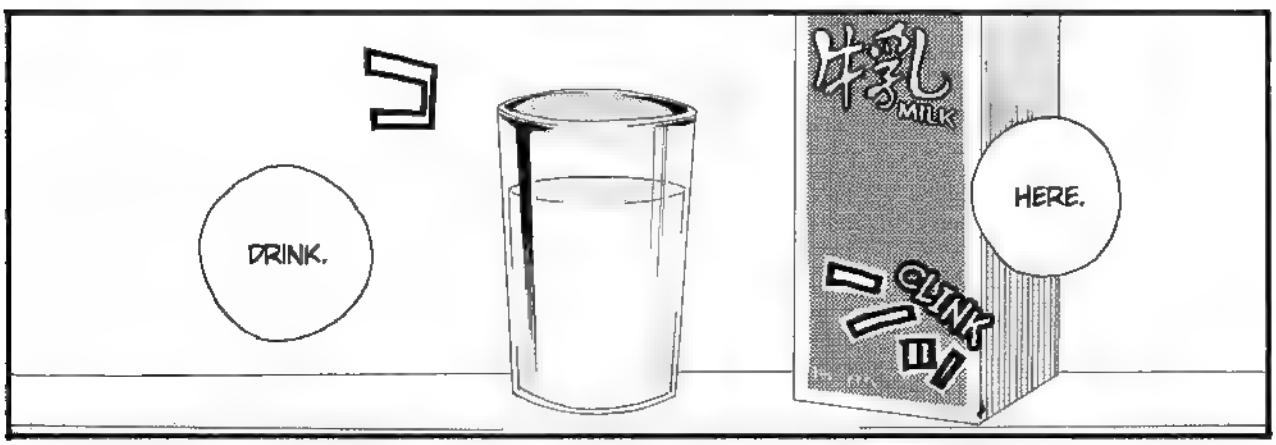
NO.
OH.
SPLASH
IT'S OVER.
THAT A PROB-LEM?
EEK!
FLOAT!!

?!
OKAY !!
DON'T LET HIM SINK INTO THE WATER TOO MUCH!!
WAKA-SA!
MAYBE ...
SPLASH
GA-CHAK


SQUISH
OH.
SOFT AND PLUMP.

ECHIZEN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TATSUMI WILL BE BACK SOON, SO HANG IN THERE...
THIS PLACE IS SAFE, SO DON'T WORRY.
HEH HEH...


GA-CHAK
JEEZ, ECHIZEN.
LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T TAKE YOU HOME TODAY.
GOOD-NESS... THAT'S TOO BAD.


DRINK.
牛乳
MILK
HERE.
GLINK

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUH? WAS I WRONG?
IS...
FOR ME ...?
THIS...
RUMBLE

SLRP
.....
ENEMY?
WHY ARE YOU GIVING MILK TO THE ENEMY?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT MORE THAN WATER.
IF YOU INSIST, IT CAN'T BE HELPED. I'LL HELP YOU GET RID OF IT.
I HAVE A LOT THAT I NEED TO USE UP.
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, GIVE IT TO WAKASA.
SWATCH
He loves calcium.
ゴッゴッゴッゴッ GLUG GLUG GLUG
GROW GROW
IF YOU DRINK TOO MUCH, YOU'LL GET A TUMMY-ACHE.
E-ECHIZEN..
MILK... I'LL HAVE TO GO BUY SOME MORE...

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ガチャ
GA-CHAK
Hand camera.
→
LOOK, WAKASA.
I FOUND SOMETHING FROM THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

SO BORED --!!
SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
HE ASKED FOR SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH.
I WON'T FIND SOMETHING EASILY...

NO. NO.
ヒチヒチ
SPLISH
SPLISH
ARE YOU MAKING A PORNO OF ME?!!

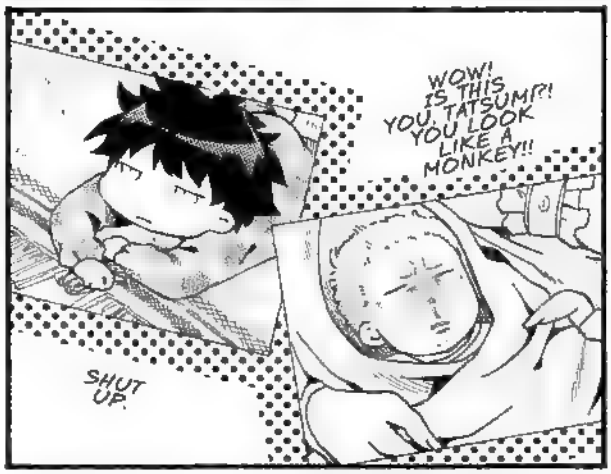
HM?
THIS IS...?

CHAPTER 72
MOVIE-MAKING IN MY HOUSE

YOU GUYS...
HEY! LET'S RECORD SOME-THING ON THAT!

THERE ARE OLD RECORD-INGS ON HERE ALREADY.
OOH! SO YOU CAN RECORD THINGS WITH IT!

DID YOU THINK WE'D BE BUSY?
ARE YOU THAT BORED?
PAT
PAT


WOW! IS THIS YOU, TATSUMI?! YOU LOOK LIKE A MONKEY!!
SHUT UP.

LET'S MAKE A MOVIE WITH THAT THING!
HEY!
HEY!
HE'S GOT ME THERE.
MOVIE... WITH YOU GUYS? IS THAT...

DO YOU DIVIDE TOO, TATSUMI-KUN?!
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHOA! SO YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD SUCH AN UN-FRIENDLY FACE

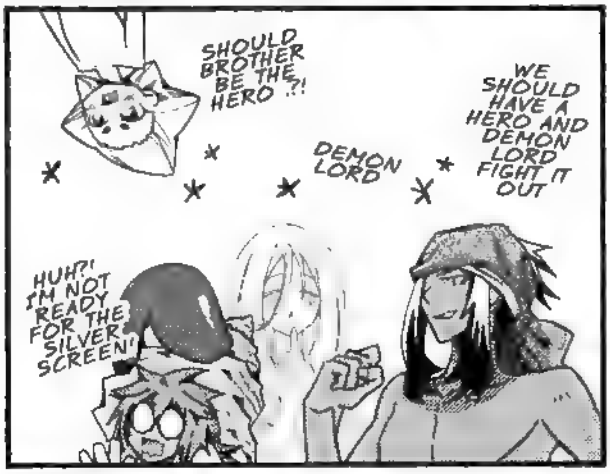
YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YOU MEAN LIKE A HOLLY-WOOD MOVIE?!
THE DIS-COVERY CHAN-NEL?!

GATHER
わらっ

ARE YOU GUYS READY...?
WELL, THEN...

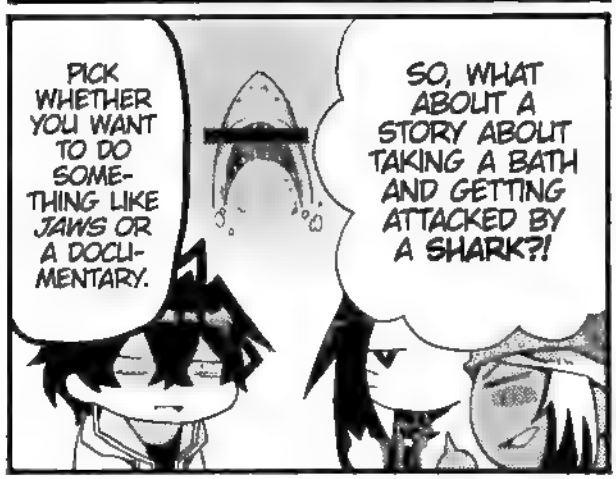
ROGER!!
WELL, OKAY.
I'LL GO BUY A TAPE, SO GET READY.
GA-CHAK
ガチャ

I FEEL LIKE NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE I LEFT.
YEAH!!

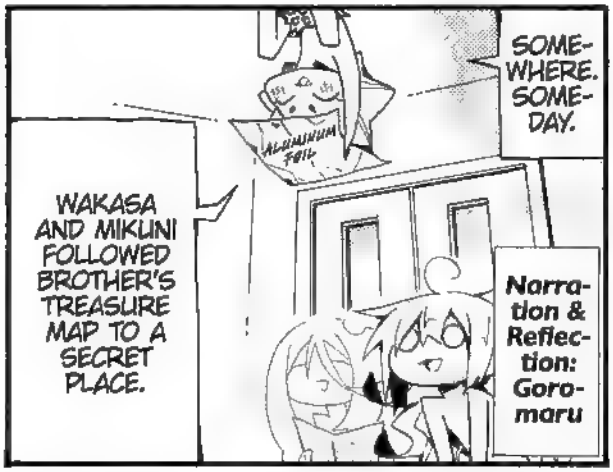

SHOULD BROTHER BE THE HERO ?!
WE SHOULD HAVE A HERO AND DEMON LORD FIGHT IT OUT
DEMON LORD
HUH?! I'M NOT READY FOR THE SILVER SCREEN!

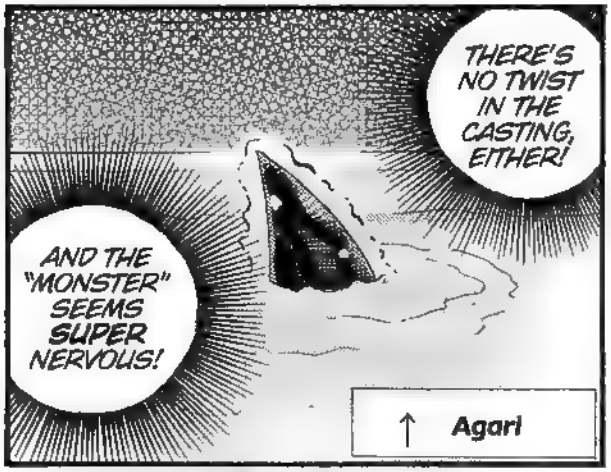
BUT THE THINGS WE CAN DO ARE LIMITED HERE.
RIGHT.

SWAAAP
I WANT TO BE AN ADVEN-TURER!
I WAS WON-DERING WHAT THIS REMIND-ED ME OF.


PICK WHETHER YOU WANT TO DO SOME-THING LIKE JAWS OR A DOCU-MENTARY.
SO, WHAT ABOUT A STORY ABOUT TAKING A BATH AND GETTING ATTACKED BY A SHARK?!

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
IT'S LIKE PRE-PARING FOR A SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
POFF


SOMEWHERE. SOMEDAY.
ALUMINUM FOIL
WAKASA AND MIKUNI FOLLOWED BROTHER'S TREASURE MAP TO A SECRET PLACE.
Narration & Reflection: Goromaru

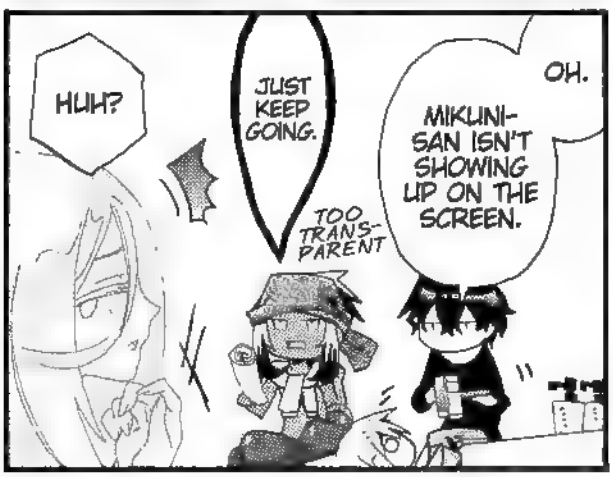

THERE'S NO TWIST IN THE CASTING, EITHER!
AND THE "MONSTER" SEEMS SUPER NERVOUS!
↑ Agari

TO THEIR SURPRISE...
A SUPER AMAZING TREASURE WAS SLEEPING THERE!
THIS NARRATION IS VERY INFORMAL.

SMACK
REHEARSAL. AND START !!
THE DIRECTOR JUST DOES WHAT HE WANTS!
Director: Takasu

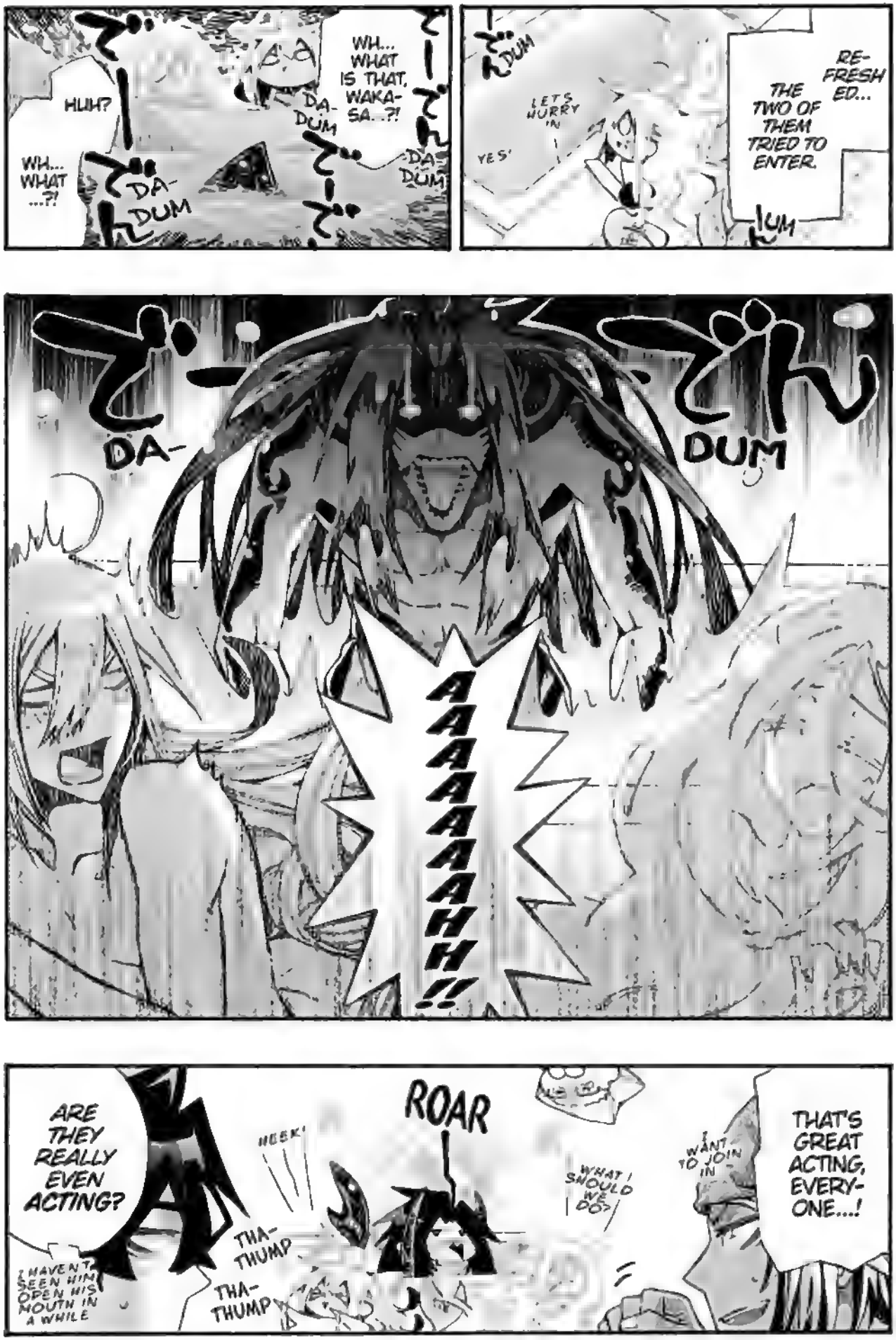
WOW!
WE REACHED THE TUB!
WE DID IT.

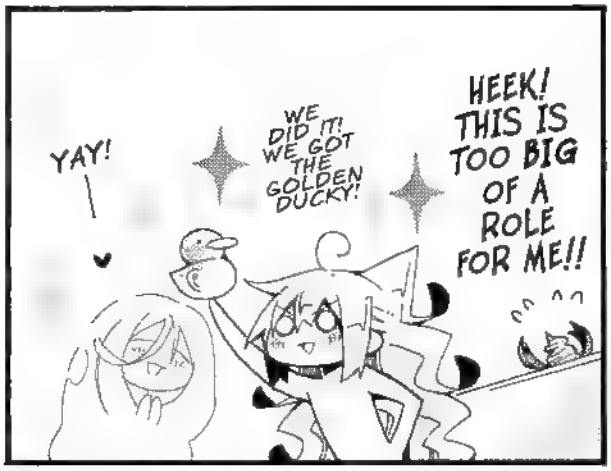
STIFF
Y...
YAY! A BATH !!
HOW NICE.
YES.
STIFF カタ

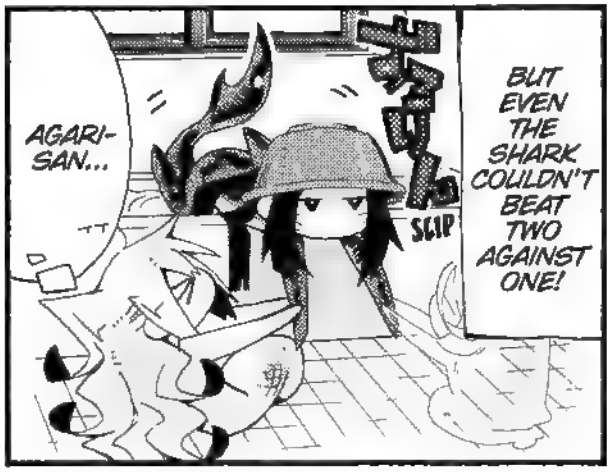

OH.
MIKUNI-SAN ISN'T SHOWING UP ON THE SCREEN.
JUST KEEP GOING.
TOO TRANSPARENT
HUH?

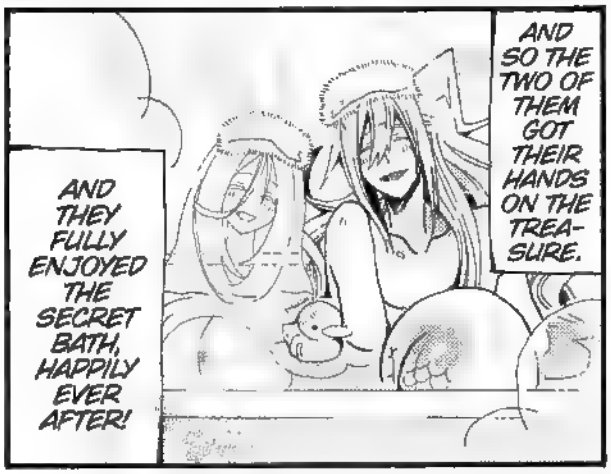
WAKASA, YOU'RE A BIT STILTED.
RELAX YOUR TAILFINS AND GO!
JEEZ!
.....

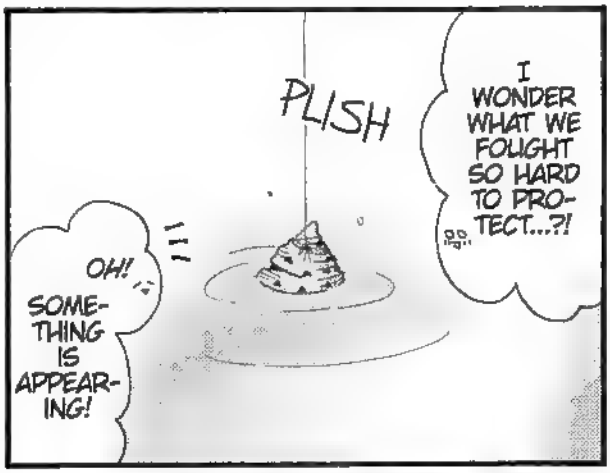
SHAAA
THEY CLEANSED THEIR BODIES.
IN ORDER TO TAKE THE TREA-SURE.
SHAAA
AT THAT MOM ENT ...
HOLD ON A SECOND.
WHY IS THERE A SHOWER SCENE?
ISN'T THERE ALWAYS ONE IN MOVIES?
WHAT MOVIES HAVE YOU EVEN SEEN?
THOUGH AGAIN HE HAS A POINT.

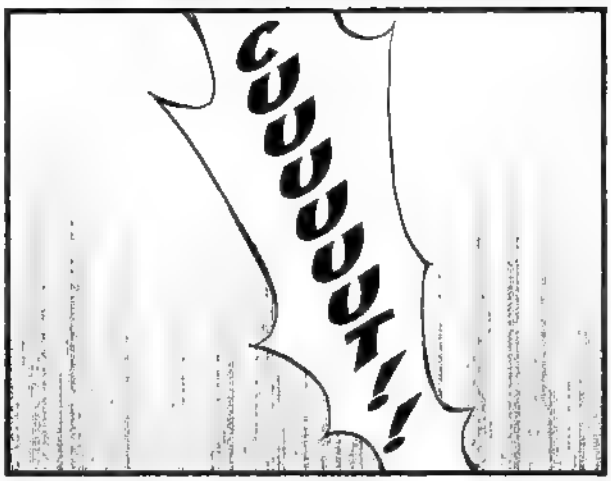

HUH?
WH... WHAT ...?!
DA-DUM
WH... WHAT IS THAT, WAKA-SA...?!
DA-DUM
LET'S HURRY IN
YES!
THE TWO OF THEM TRIED TO ENTER.
RE-FRESH ED...
DA-
DUM
AAAAAAAHH!!
ARE THEY REALLY EVEN ACTING?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM OPEN HIS MOUTH IN A WHILE
HOSK!
ROAR
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
WHAT I SHOULD WE DO?
I WANT TO JOIN IN
THAT'S GREAT ACTING, EVERY-ONE...!

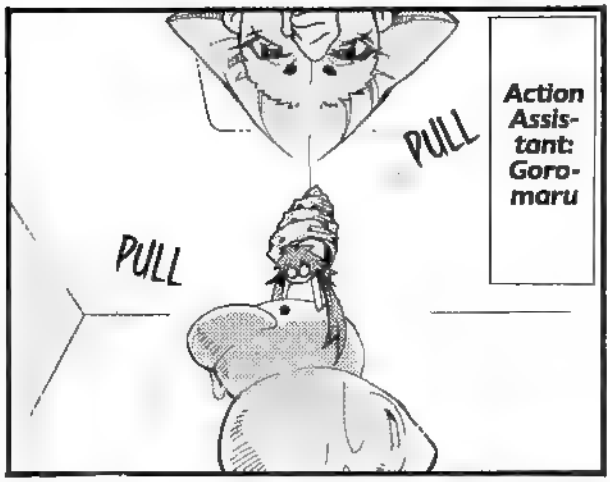

YAY!
WE DID IT! WE GOT THE GOLDEN DUCKY!
HEEK! THIS IS TOO BIG OF A ROLE FOR ME!!


AGARI-SAN...
SKIP
BUT EVEN THE SHARK COULDN'T BEAT TWO AGAINST ONE!


AND SO THE TWO OF THEM GOT THEIR HANDS ON THE TREASURE.
AND THEY FULLY ENJOYED THE SECRET BATH, HAPPILY EVER AFTER!


PLISH
I WONDER WHAT WE FOUGHT SO HARD TO PROTECT...?!
OH! SOMETHING IS APPEARING!


GUUUUUUK!!


PULL
PULL
Action Assistant: Goromaru

I'M GLAD THEY'RE HAVING FUN.
YAAAAAY!
WELL. NOT TOO BAD FOR OUR FIRST FILM.

MUMBLE MUMBLE
I... I WAS CAUGHT...
I-I-I AM KNOWN AS UAAH
UM, TH THANK YOU FOR SAVING SAVING..

OUR GREAT ACTING ...!!
WHAT... DID YOU SAY...?!
AT SOME POINT, IT COMPLETELY COVERED THE LENS!
SORRY, THE RECORDING IS ALL FOGGED UP WITH THE STEAM.
TACKLE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, BROTHER!!
WHAT'S WRONG, TATSUMI?
OH.
WELL.
IT'S FINE.
YOU CAN SEE OUR HEROIC EXPLOITS THERE!
I MEAN, WE DO HAVE AN ANIME, AFTER ALL.
Please check us out, okay?
HEROIC

To be continued...

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THE BACKGROUND OF MY HOUSE

WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THE ILLUSTRATIONS AND QUESTIONS SENT IN AFTER OUR REQUEST IN VOLUME 4!!

REQUEST 1 I WANT TO SEE THIS KIND OF ILLUSTRATION.

ITOKICHI-SENSEI'S RESPONSE ILLUSTRATION IS ON THE NEXT PAGE! ☆

THIS WAS AN ART REQUEST I WAS HAPPY TO FULFILL!
CHILDREN VERSION
(WITH GOROMARU AND TATSUMI THE OPPOSITE)

OMAKE

ANIME SCRIPT
WAKASA
TATSUMI
OCTOPUS
MAKI
JELLYFISH
LITTLE SISTER
DUCK
HE ALSO NEVER APPEARS IN THE ANIME
DOO DOO DOO
DOO
DOO DOO
HE NEVER APPEARS ON THE COVERS.
MY TUB
A MAN WITH NO INDIVIDUALISTIC QUALITIES OR SKILLS. WOMEN OFTEN GIVE HIM THE COLD SHOULDER.
DOO
ME!
ドギャーン
THAT'S ...
TA-DAAA!
IT'S TATSUMI'S CLASSMATE, SOUSUKE! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHO?"

REQUEST 2 READER'S ILLUSTRATION CORNER

I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE WONDERFUL *ART* PEOPLE HAVE SENT ME!!

P.N 冬いち

P.N たん・ぽぽちゃん

P.N ログ

P.N うーり

P.N 乱

P.N しゃも猫

P.N ネコ丸

P.N 黒須靈

P.N 悠羅

P.N 早池峰

P.N 夢ウサギ

P.N めがね

P.N まさずみ

P.N キューマ

P.N 軒無契

P.N 食い意地犬

REQUEST 3 QUESTIONS FOR ITOKICHI-SENSEI CORNER

NICE TO MEET YOU! I ALWAYS ENJOY READING YOUR COMIC. I HAVE A QUESTION, WHAT IS AGARI-SAN'S BODY PATTERN? DEPENDING ON THE VOLUME, THE PATTERN ON HIS BODY IS DIFFERENT AND SOMETIMES IN COLOR IT IS GONE. I WOULD BE SO HAPPY IF YOU TOLD ME! (SEVEN MIST <3>)

That is a problem with my art skills. <Boom>
I try drawing shark skin in detail when inking sometimes and other times when I color him I think it'll be fine to just use a light color. ★ I'm always like this.
I see, it looks like body paint to you... I wish I had known this before I started coloring him. ^___^

A QUESTION FOR TATSUMI! WHO WOULD YOU RATHER CHANGE PLACES WITH? (KANAKANA)

Tatsumi: Why do I have to change places with these guys...?
Wakasa: So terrible! Don't be so mean!
Tatsumi: *Hmm.*. Then I'd be Mikuni-san.
Wakasa: And why is that?
Tatsumi: I could spend my time relaxing and I can divide. And most of all, I wouldn't have to eat. It'd be nice not having to make meals.
Wakasa: Y-You can't change places!!

ITOKICHI-SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE CERTAIN WAYS THAT YOU ENJOY TAKING BATHS? LIKE BATH SALTS... (SATOU)

When I know I'm going to take a long bath, I bring music in with me. Also manga.
I've wanted to try bath salts, but it is something my family hasn't used in generations, so... (laugh)

IF YOU CREATE A NEW CHARACTER, I THINK A NARWHAL WOULD BE GOOD. I THINK THEIR CANINE TOOTH PROTRUDING OUT LIKE A HORN IS UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE. WHAT DO YOU THINK? I THINK THE PERSONALITY SHOULD BE COLD AND WELL-INFORMED. (PECORO)

A narwhal...! Every time I see one on TV their long tooth puts me into high spirits!
Cold and well-informed. What a wonderful personality... ^___^ I'll discuss it a bit with my editor.

HELLO!! (^__^) CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING AN ANIME!!! I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S RELEASED. (^0^) THERE IS ONLY ONE GIRL IN MERMAN IN MY TUB, KASUMI-CHAN. I WAS WONDERING IF WAKASA WOULD HAVE ANY FEMALE FRIENDS (A NEW CHARACTER) APPEAR? EXAMPLE) LIKE A SQUID. (SETSUNA)

Thank you for letting it become an anime!
It is because you all supported me so much! ^___^
Girl character... Well... There was a time I thought about it. But with Kasumi being the only girl, it's more delic... I mean, since Wakasa is a boy, he mainly hangs out with other boys. It's like he's in an all-boys school. It can't be... helped...

I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT TATSUMI HAD CHUUNIBYOU!! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? (KURI)

Since the adults he had near him (Hisatora) are like that, they put such things into his mind. But since everyone has the ability to get chuunibyou, it can't be helped!

THE WARM FEELINGS OF MERMAN IN MY TUB ALWAYS HELPS ME GET THROUGH THE WINTER. ❤ ITOKICHI-SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SEASON? (SHU-SHU)

It makes me happy that they do. ❤
My favorite season is the transition between fall and winter. It is before snow starts to fall, but there are no bugs or heat. It is also the time of year when food tastes the best!

IF I HAD AN UNCLE LIKE HISATORA-SAN... IT'S FUNNY TO IMAGINE STUFF LIKE THAT. (LAUGH) DO YOU LOVE UNCLES? OR DO YOU LOVE BOYS?

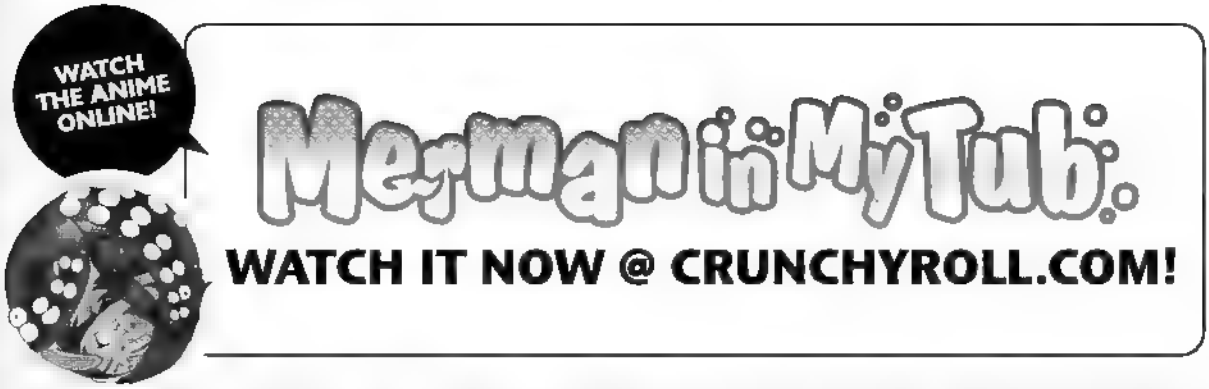
I love uncles and grandpas. Lately I like boys, too.

AREN'T TATSUMI'S MOM AND DAD LONELY THAT TATSUMI ISN'T AROUND? (YUKA)

I believe they are. But, they are watching over him lovingly, thinking about how quickly he's become an adult. Also, Kasumi has been giving them detailed information on how he is doing so it's all good!

TATSUMI WROTE THAT HE WANTED A GIRLFIRNED DURING THE STAR FESTIVAL, BUT WAS HE SERIOUS?! (YADA)

Of course! He's a healthy boy! After seeing the chests of men all the time, I'm sure he wants the healing powers of a female.



VOLUME 5 & ANIME RELEASE THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

It's been three years since I've come into the care of the *Gene* editorial section. So much time has already passed...! I never expected that Wakasa would splash around the tub for this long! Thank you very much!!!

During that time, I've been waiting for the new Komichi photo collection, but recipe books I don't understand keep getting published instead. I have no relation with olive oil! I can only wet my pillow with tears every night in frustration. Just kidding. But I *am* waiting for the new collection.

Well, while things like that are happening, I continue drawing this bath manga. And please take a look at the anime where you can see and hear them splash around!!! ♥

SPECIAL THANKS

EVERYONE WHO FOLLOWED ME UNTIL NOW

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

PEOPLE AROUND ME

MY EDITOR

EVERYONE WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE ANIME

AND YOU!

ALL OF YOU GODS!

I HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO READ THIS RUN-OF-THE-MILL BATH MANGA

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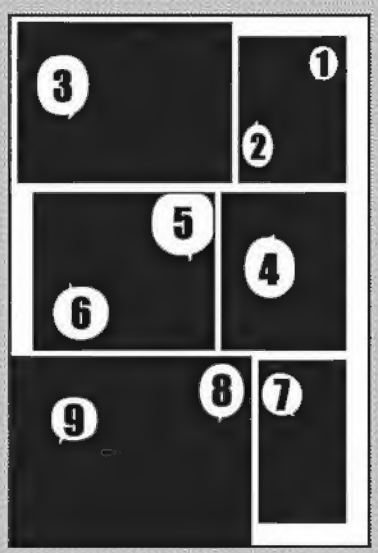

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